

Able to demonstrate what I have read, talking about characters, events and settings and answer a range of questions about the text.

Recognise that texts and books are structured in different ways and discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. I can understand and explain the meaning of words in context.

Able to understand what I have read by asking questions, retrieving and recording facts, drawing inferences and identifying how language and structure contribute to meaning.

Star vocabulary

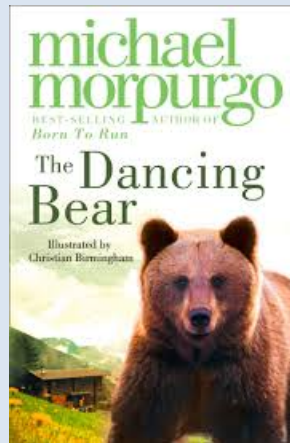
Shepherd - A person who tends and rears sheep.

Flock - A group of sheep, goats, and birds.

Nuisance - A person or thing causing inconvenience or annoyance.

Adoringly - To love or admire very much.

Accommodation - A room, group of rooms or building in which someone lay live or stay.



Key characters

Roxanne

Grandfather

Bruno

Tiny

Niki

Themes

Self-esteem,
belonging, friendship
and empathy

Genre: Fiction

Nothing disturbs the peace of a village high in the mountains until the arrival of a bear cub. Adopted by the orphaned Roxanne, he quickly becomes part of village life, and the village grows to be famous for its honey. Then a film company arrives to make a video starring Niki, the pop singer, as the Pied Piper.

Context

A village in the mountains will usually be the only village in the surrounding area. There are not many people around and the people living within the village live very simple lives.

This is why, when a film company arrives at the village within the story, it creates quite the stir within the small mountain community.

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