

Knowledge Organiser - The Secret World of Polly Flint by Helen Cresswell

Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

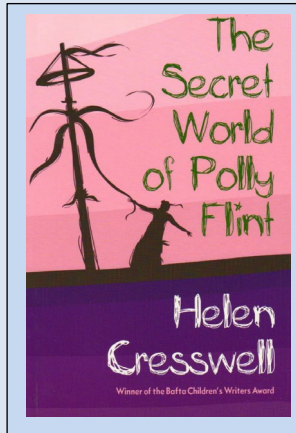
Star vocabulary

Twizzling – nonsense word, meaning spinning around.

Queer – another word for extremely strange.

Maypole – a large pole with ribbons attached that people traditionally dance around.

Garlands – a wreath of flowers and leaves that is usually worn on the head.



Context

The Secret World of Polly Flint is set in an idyllic village called Wellow, where our main character Polly Flint goes to live with her aunt, along with her mother and father, after her father has an accident which leaves him unable to walk for most of the story. There, she discovers more than she bargained for.

Genre

Fiction

Author – Helen Cresswell



Helen Cresswell (11th July 1934 – 26th September 2005) was born in Sutton-In-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, England. She was an English television scriptwriting and author of more than 100 children's book. She started writing at six years old and considered herself a poet for a large part of her life but began writing for children with her first novel called 'The Pie Makers' in 1967. Cresswell was passionate about her role, insisting that children "deserve the best" in novels and in television adaptations created especially for them as well as introductions to classics.



Key characters

Polly Flint	The main character – a girl who can see and hear things other people can't
Old Mazy	A vagrant who occasionally comes to the village.
Aunt Em	Polly's Aunt – very bossy older sister to Alice
Alice and Tom Flint	Polly's parents