



## **Blurb**

Meet Claude – no ordinary dog!

On a trip to the city, Claude becomes a hero when he visits a museum, foils a robbery, and saves the day!

From the official World Book Day Illustrator.

Shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize.

## **Something about the author**

**Alex T. Smith** (born 2 August 1985) is an English author and illustrator of children's books, including *Primrose*, *Egg*, *Ella*, and the *Claude* book series. He was the illustrator for World Book Day 2014 in September 2013. His books have been published in several languages including Welsh, French, German, Swedish, Italian, Hungarian and Chinese.



## **SPaG Focus**

- Fronted adverbials** - A word (or a phrase for adverbial phrases) that is used for the same reason as an adverb, to modify a specific verb or clause.
- Auxiliary verbs** - Verbs which form the tense, mood and voice of other verbs. They are also known as 'helping verbs'. The 3 most common auxiliary verbs are: 'be, 'have, do'. The modal verbs 'can, could, may, might, must, ought to, shall, should, will, would' are also included as auxiliary verbs.
- Past tense** – A tense expressing an action that has happened or a state that previously existed.
- Adjectives and expanded noun phrases** – Describing words and phrases that give more information about the noun in a sentence.

## **Genre Features – Newspaper report**

- Headline** – The short, snappy heading at the top of an article or page in a newspaper or magazine
- Picture and caption** – Photographs with words printed underneath to explain and give more information.
- Third person** – Writing which uses a narrator to relate the actions of the characters by referring to their names or by the third-person pronouns he, she, or they.
- 5W facts** – The *Who, What, Where, When and Why* of a newspaper story.

## **Vocabulary**

**Beret** – A soft, round, flat cap, usually made of wool.

**Boutique** – A small shop selling fashionable clothes or accessories.

**City** – A large, busy town.

**Contraction** – A machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe.

**Gallery** – A room or building for the display or sale of works of art.

**Gasp** – To catch one's breath with an open mouth due to pain or astonishment.

**Mayor** – an official elected or appointed to act as the head of a city, town, or borough.

**Pigeon** – A seed- or fruit-eating bird with a small head, short legs, and a cooing voice, typically having grey and white feathers and usually found in towns and cities.

**Sculptures** – Pieces of art made in 3D.

**Skyscraper** – A very tall building of many storeys found in a city.