



Blurb:

This is the story of a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows, at this very moment, is this:

1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom
2. They are talking to him
3. His life will never be quite the same again...

Something about the Author:

Piers Torday was born in Northumberland, which is possibly the one part of England where more animals live than people. After working as a producer and writer in theatre, live comedy and TV, Piers now lives in London – where there are more animals than you might think. *The Last Wild* is his first novel.



Miss Edwards has met him and noticed he is left-handed.

SPaG Focus:

Parenthesis: A word or phrase inserted as an explanation or afterthought into a passage which is grammatically complete without it, in writing it is usually marked off by brackets, dashes, or commas.

Brackets: One of a pair of punctuation marks (). They are used to enclose words or numbers.

Dash: A punctuation mark - . It is used to show a break in speech or thought.

Direct Speech: The actual words that are used by a speaker. "Come over here!" ordered Mrs. Scarborough to the naughty school children.

Indirect Speech: A way to report what a character has said without the need for quotation marks. Mrs. Scarborough ordered the scared children to come over here.

Genre Features – Narrative

Pathos: A quality that evokes pity or sadness.

Passive Voice: In a passive voice sentence, the grammatical subject of the clause receives the action of the verb. The ball was kicked by Steven.

Active Voice: In an active voice sentence, the grammatical subject of the clause performs the action of the verb. Steven kicked the ball.

Relative clause: A dependent clause that modifies the word or word group that precedes it, such as "who came in" in "I knew the person who came in". Will begin with a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, that or which) or relative adverb (when, where, why)

Vocabulary:

Corporations A corporation is an organization—usually a group of people or a company.

Dystopia A dystopia is a community or society that is undesirable or frightening.

Environmentalism A concern about or action aimed at protecting the environment.

Post-Apocalyptic After an apocalypse has occurred in which the earth is coming to an end.

Prophetic Accurately predicting what will happen in the future.

Sentient The ability to perceive or feel things.

Speciesism The idea that being human is a good enough reason for human animals to have greater moral rights than non-human animals.

Telepathy The ability to transfer thoughts to other people without telling them.