



Blurb

An old man lives alone in a windswept place only visited by people coming to dump the things they don't want any more. He spent his days working hard to clear the rubbish away and his nights dreaming of living in a beautiful exotic rainforest. One day he has an idea and decides to make himself a forest from tin: full of trees, plants animals and birds. A bird visits the tin forest briefly delighting the old man who is sad when he leaves. Eventually the bird returns bringing a mate making the old man's wishes come true.

Something about the Author

Helen Ward was born in 1962 in the U.K. She grew up in a family of artists where there was a plentiful supply of 4H pencils, dried up paint and bent rulers. In those far off days shyness was not a medical condition, imagination and creativity were encouraged, people could read maps and phones were generally attached to walls which were too big to fit in pockets or handbags.

SPaG Focus

Expanded noun phrases- To give more detail about a noun in a simple noun phrase, such as 'a small house'.

Alliteration- It is the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the start of adjacent or closely related words, such as 'wide windswept' or 'near nowhere'.

Apostrophe for possession- It is used to show that something belongs to or is connected to something else, such as 'people's rubbish'.

Genre Features – Fiction- Modern fable

Setting: It takes place between the wasteland and the forest.

Conflict: It emphasises the contrasted setting as well as the importance of looking after the Earth.

Character: It is a story about the power of resilience and perseverance, or the idea that hope can spring in the darkest of places.

Vocabulary

Windswept- A windswept place has no shelter and is not protected from strong winds (synonyms: sieve, separate, investigate, examine).

Nowhere- A small, unimportant or uninteresting place (in the middle of nowhere).

Sifting- Sort something to take out large pieces (using a sieve) or: Search through something looking at it carefully.

Emerged- To come out of an enclosed or dark space or from somewhere you couldn't be seen.

Sweep/swept- To collect/remove rubbish with a brush. perch/perched- To sit on the very edge or tip of it. When a bird lands on a branch and stands there

Ached- A steady, strong pain in your body or when you want something very much.