



### Blurb

This story shows two young (and anonymous) refugees (a little boy and his slightly older sister) who are the only survivors when the boat they are on runs into trouble at sea, and how each sibling experiences the aftermath of their journey and of being rescued, of suddenly being alone in the world very differently.

The boy almost immediately embraces their new reality as refugees, venturing out, making new friends whereas the older sister is not only much more hesitant, deeply traumatised, and depressed, having more painful memories of the past, more culture shock and so much homesickness that she basically refuses to go outside and hides herself away.

### Something about the Author

**Helen Sonia Cooper** (born 1963 in London) is a British illustrator and an author of children's literature. She grew up in Cumbria, where she practiced literature and piano playing. She currently lives in Oxford.



### SPaG Focus

**Expanded noun phrases-** To give more detail about a noun in a simple noun phrase, such as 'a colourful butterfly'.

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

**Statement-** sentences that express a fact, idea or opinion.

### Genre Features – Fiction- Picture Book

**Setting**- Where a story is happening.

**Theme**- a key message that is told throughout the story.

**Problem-** something happens to the main character that needs to be solved.

**Resolution-** The way a problem is resolved and how a story comes to an end.

**Imaginative Vocabulary-** To make the story more interesting to the reader.

### Vocabulary

**Butterfly-** a nectar-feeding insect with two pairs of large, typically brightly coloured wings.

**Refugee-** a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

**Anxious-** feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome. Usually leads to emotional responses, increased heartbeat, and panic attacks.

**Depression-** a low mood that can last a long time or keep returning, affecting everyday life.

**Trauma-** refers to any disturbing event or experience perceived as life-threatening or any event that causes great mental, emotional or physical harm.