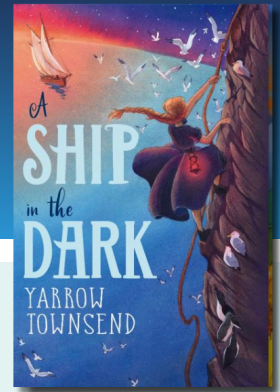




BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

- Adventure
- The sea
- Families
- Mystery

A Ship in the Dark

by Yarrow Townsend

Anna and her friend Mina travel the high seas to find the lost ship before ruthless Society Man, Bartholomew Rime... But without a map, only migrating birds and the song of whales can show the way.



OUR THOUGHTS

"Atmospheric sense of place and forboding menace at every turn, great characters and a pacy story. An engaging, spirited read!"

TIME TO TALK

- 1 What would you do in the same situation Anna finds herself in – would you be brave enough to go off by yourself or instead alert the authorities?
- 2 What qualities would you bring to a big adventure or journey like the girls undertake – they have to be resourceful, brave, use their knowledge and instincts. They also don't know who to trust along the way – how do you know who to trust when you are in an unknown situation?
- 3 There are lots of descriptions of the sea within the story. What feelings do you have when you think about the sea – is it exciting, terrifying, too big – or is it peaceful and calming?
- 4 Smugglers and pirates feature heavily in the story – why do you think these types of characters continue to be fascinating today?
- 5 What do you already know about whales? Has the book told you anything you didn't know about them?
- 6 Anna has a strong affinity with wildlife, particularly the sea birds, living on a small island. Do you think living in a seaside or countryside location puts you more in touch with the natural world? If you live in a city or town is it important to escape into nature from time to time?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

