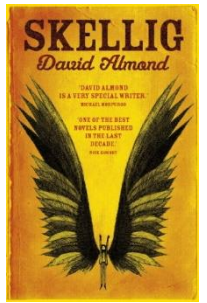




Knowledge Organiser – 'Skellig' by David Almond



Quotes

"They say shoulder blades are where your wings were."

Characters

Michael	Protagonist – 10-year-old boy – loves football and cares about his sister.
Mina	Home-schooled neighbour with a creative flair – loves drawing and birds.
Skellig	Depicted as a homeless man but Michael and Mina discover he has wings and believe he could be something else.
Michael's Parents	Names are never given – they care deeply for Michael and the baby.
Dr Dan/Dr Death	Family doctor who looks after sick baby.
Mrs Dando	A caring Teaching Assistant at school.
Coot/Leakey	Michael's best friends at school.
Dr MacNabola	An arrogant but friendly doctor who Michael talks to.
Rasputin	Michael's science teacher

Important Information

Plot

A family are concerned about the welfare of a newborn baby so a lonely young boy befriends his neighbour and they uncover a strange creature in his garage.

Themes

Nurture, kindness, faith, schooling vs home-schooling, pain and suffering, life and death, evolution.

Setting

Set in England in the North East. Michael and his family have moved to a housing estate in Newcastle. Much of the book is set between Michael's garage/house, Mina's house or Michael's school.

Key Vocabulary

demolition	The act of destroying something completely.
evolution	The scientific theory that creatures change over time.
fossil	The stone remains of a plant or animal from the past.
ancestor	Someone whom you are related and directly descended from.
congealed	Turned into a jelly or made solid from cooling.
derelict	Worn or broken down by hard usage.
ascend	To travel upwards.

Grammar

Punctuation

Colons, Semi-colons and dashes.
Separating clauses.
Hyphens.
Using punctuation in writing.



