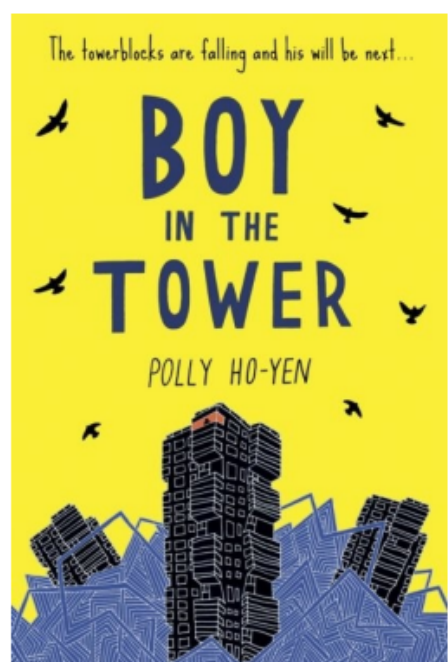


This half term's text:



This book is a book is beautifully told in the voice of a lonely young boy struggling to make sense of all that is going on around him - from the extraordinary events he sees from his window, to his mother's illness.

### Key Characters

**Ade** – a loyal and determined boy who lives with his mum in a flat in a London tower block.

**Mum** – Ade's mum who is suffering from depression and refuses to leave their flat.

**Gaia** – Ade's best friend at school who lives in the tower block opposite Ade's.

**Dory** – an old woman who lives in Ade's tower block.

**Obi** – the caretaker of Ade's tower block.

**Ben** – a man who lives in Gaia's tower block.



POLLY HO-YEN

Polly started off as a Primary school teacher in London and is now a full-time author. Her stories are rooted in worlds that young people know and recognise. This book was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for the Blue Peter and Waterstones Children's book awards.

bravery

friendship

loyalty

Vocabulary	Definition
Tower block	A tall building with many flats or apartments
Estate	A group of homes, often government-owned
Decay	Gradual destruction or decline
Collapse	To fall down or give way
Isolation	Being separated from others
Creeper	A plant that grows along the ground or climbs surfaces
Invalidate	To enter by force; to spread destructively
Vines	Long, trailing stems of plants
Loyalty	Faithfulness or devotion
Courage	Strength in the face of fear
Anxiety	Feelings of worry or fear
Hope	Expectation for something better
Resilience	Ability to recover from difficulties
Survival	Continuing to live despite hardship
Friendship	Relationship of mutual affection
Responsibility	Being accountable or taking care

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