

Book Talk Script

Today for my book talk, the book I'm presenting to you today is called "The Sky is Falling." This half-historical/half-realistic fiction book has many interesting ideas throughout this novel which is why I've chosen this book for my book talk. In fact, this book is the first of three which means that many other important ideas will come out later in this series.

This amazing book by Kit Pearson has won many awards individually, but this author has also won several awards from her other series which lead to her great success. Some awards won by this author are The Governor General's Award, The Vicky Metcalf Award, The Mr. Christie's Book Award and many more! This author has wrote other books too that are just as interesting such as "Awake and Dreaming", "A Handful of Time" and "The Whole Truth". This Canadian author has much to talk about of her life, but first of all she was born on April 30, 1947 in Edmonton, Alberta. She lived there for eight with her two younger brothers, before moving to Vancouver. As a high school student, she was educated at Crofton House School and earned a high degree in English/Literature. That was the time that she decided to become a writer. Now she lives in Vancouver alone with her two dogs as companions.

Less about this author information lets get started on the characters of this novel. The main characters of this book is obviously Norah and Gavin, but many other characters play an important role. Bernard, Hanny the cook, Edith the maid, the Ogilvie family and finally, Paige and her two younger sisters are also mentionable characters in this book.

This story takes place during World War 2 in 1940 and Norah and Gavin happens to be two brave kids stuck in a gruesome war. A village in England is a big setting of this book because it's Norah and Gavin's home town. They were evacuated to Ontario, Canada because of the bombing so Canada is also one of the important settings this book offers.

Norah and Gavin live in a small village in England until they were evacuated to Canada because of the war. They and other evacuees were escorted on boat all the way to Ontario. When they arrived at Ontario, they were thoroughly checked by doctors. They arrive safely to their new home and lives with Miss Ogilvie, Mrs. Ogilvie, Edith the maid, and Hanny the cook. Unlike Gavin, settling in her new house and school was very difficult, but as time passes by, the resentment between Norah and Miss Ogilvie increases. Back at school, she also made new friends such as Bernard and Paige. Although she made new friends, her misery builds up as she realizes she cannot return to England for much longer than she originally thought. One day, Norah decides to run away with Gavin to England all on her own, but doesn't get very far before returning from complete exhaustion. On their way home, expecting for a punishment, they find out that the Ogilvie's were not mad at all, rather than worried. Miss Ogilvie apologizes for ignoring Norah for the past few months. Norah accepts the offer and accepts Canada as her new home for the rest of the war.

Items inside the container:

- The **container** represents an aircraft which was the main weapon they used during World War 2
- A **compass** representing that they travelled to many places to evacuate from the bombing that's occurring in their home country
- A **map** consisting of the route from London to Toronto that Norah and Gavin had to travel
- A **boat** representing that they had to travel by sea the whole trip because between England and Ontario is a large body of water
- A **pack of band-aids** representing that all the evacuees were checked by doctors when they arrived at Canada. Many of the travellers carried diseases like Cholera (an illness caused by germs invading the muscle) but luckily, Norah and Gavin were very healthy
- A **newspaper** article explaining in reality of what happened to England and Canada during the war
- The **differences** between England and Ontario back in 1940
- A **train** representing the downtown Toronto train station that Norah and Gavin decided to ride on all by themselves, but they soon realized that it was impossible and many people were getting suspicious
- An **airplane** and a **bomb** representing the bombing in England
- A **diagram** giving a good picture of what it was like in England during the war

The three strategies that I used were **Visualizing**, **Synthesizing**, and **Finding Important Ideas**. Visualizing = part when Norah saw a plane crash in her neighbourhood.

Passage

Crossword Puzzle