



Storm

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Talking Points

- 1 Annie and her parents live in an isolated cottage on the edge of a marsh. Why is the setting so important to the story?
- 2 The story takes place around Christmas time. Why do you think the author chose to set the story at this time of year?
- 3 Annie's parents are 'rather old' and both have problems with their health. Why is this detail relevant to the story?
- 4 Annie's sister Willa tells her the legend of the ghost. Does he sound like a kindly or fearsome creature?
- 5 Is Annie willing to set off in search of the doctor? What is she most concerned about?
- 6 Did you guess the ending of the story? How would you feel if you discovered you had been galloping on a ghostly mare through a dreadful storm?

Activity: **Wordsearch**

Can you find these characters from the Top 10 Carnegie-winning books in the wordsearch below? Words can read forwards, backwards, diagonally, up or down. Rearrange the remaining letters to find a member of the Ruggles family.

LILY ROSE from The Family from One End Street

HOMILY from The Borrowers

MICHAEL from Skellig

GEMMA from Junk

ALISON from The Owl Service

ANNIE from Storm

CHAS from The Machine-Gunners

LYRA from Northern Lights

HATTY from Tom's Midnight Garden

MINA from Skellig

ARRIETTY from The Borrowers

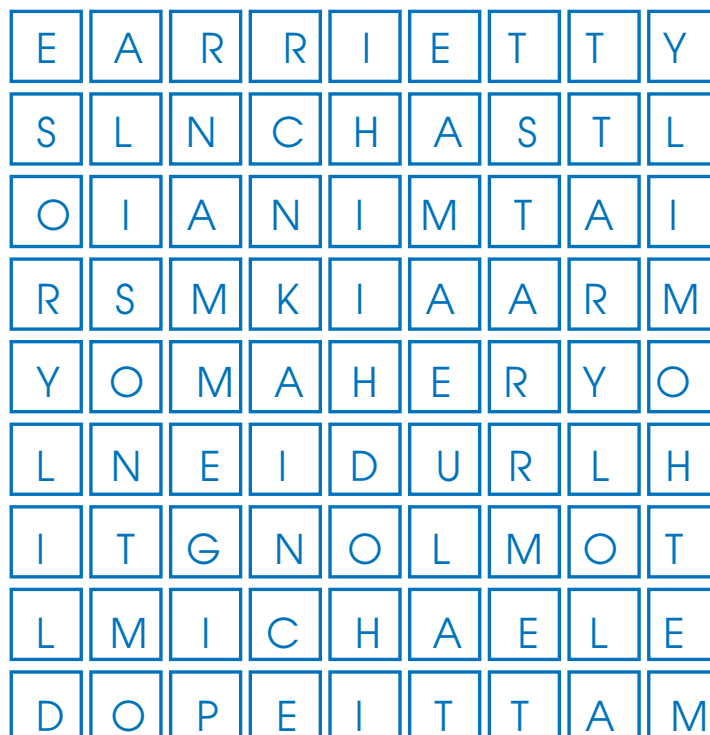
TOM LONG from Tom's Midnight Garden

RUDI from The Machine-Gunners

TAR from Junk

MATTIE from A Gathering Light

POD from The Borrowers



Check the Answers page for solution.

Answer

Activity: Wordsearch

Answer: The remaining letters spell: KATE

E	A	R	R	E	T	T	Y	
S	L	N	C	H	A	S	T	L
O	I	A	N	I	M	T	A	I
R	S	M	K	I	A	A	R	M
Y	O	M	A	H	E	R	Y	O
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I	T	G	N	O	L	M	O	T
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