

## Room 13 Robert Swindells Teaching Resources

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### Right Book, Right Time

George is fascinated by World War Two. Bombers, Nazis, doodlebugs. But he discovers the reality is very different from how he had imagined it when a school trip to a World War Two museum leads to a timeslip - and George is in London at the time of the Blitz! He joins up with a group of other homeless children, struggling to survive. And then they suspect someone they know of being a German spy

### Brother in the Land

Victor unwittingly takes photos of a serious robbery and now the perpetrators want those pictures back - and are prepared to do anything to get their hands on them. Robert Swindells has written over 60 books for youngsters and has won many awards including the prestigious Carnegie Medal.

### Room 13

A ghostly new thriller from the brilliant Cathy MacPhail, featuring Tyler Lawless, heroine to the unlawfully dead

### Heroes

I'm falling - falling down steep, narrow stairs - if I hit the bottom asleep, I know I'll never wake. Every night Kirsty wakes up screaming. Every night she has the same terrible nightmare - of falling downstairs. But does she fall? Or is she pushed? Then Kirsty discovers that her grandma died falling downstairs and she begins to wonder: is the dream hinting at a dark

secret in her family? She has to know the truth. But tracking a murderer is a dangerous game, and as she delves into the past, Kirsty uncovers a secret more terrible than anything she can imagine. A terrifying read from one of today's master storytellers. WINNER OF THE SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD FOR BEST SHORTER NOVEL 'Cleverly put together - funny as well as gripping' The Sunday Times

### **Just a Bit of Fun**

Annabel is stunned when her father joins a fundamentalist religious sect and when he begins to practise their rigid ideas at home, the strain on the family is terrible - Then she starts to feel that these people are not what they seem and are a cover for something more sinister\_

### **King of Shadows**

Alexs estate is a concrete jungle, survival of the fittest and Alex is way down the food chain. At the top is Mark Byrne and his gang. Theyve been hunting Alex for a while - today theyre going to bring him down. First Pagels there one bad thing in your life? Something that makes you think, If only that one thing was out of my life, Id be really, really happy? Theres something bad in most peoples lives. There is in mine. My bad thing is called Mark Burn. Marks the guy who calls me Co

### **Blackout**

### **Cogheart**

Up and up the wind drew him. Haoyou looked about him and saw the wholeworld beneath him. And it was his. The Great Miao, master of the Jade Circus, offers Haoyou the amazing chance to escape his family's poverty -- by becoming a kite rider. Strapped onto a beautiful scarlet-and-gold kite, Haoyou is sent into the sky, earning money, freedom, and unexpected fame. Miao even plans for Haoyou to perform before Kublai Khan himself. From Carnegie Medalist Geraldine McCaughrean comes a dazzling story of adventure, betrayal, family, and sacrifice set in the dramatic world of thirteenth-century China.

### **Ruby Tanya**

A powerful, disturbing thriller reissued in The Originals series of classic teenage fiction. Martha is twelve - and very different from other kids, because of her parents. Strict members of a religious group - the Brethren - their rules dominate Martha's

life. And one rule is the most important of all: she must never ever invite anyone home. If she does, their shameful secret - Abomination - could be revealed. But as Martha makes her first real friend in Scott, a new boy at school, she begins to wonder. Is she doing the right thing by helping to keep Abomination a secret? And just how far will her parents go to prevent the truth from being known? The Originals are the pioneers of fiction for young adults. From political awakening, war and unrequited love to addiction, teenage pregnancy and nuclear holocaust, The Originals confront big issues and articulate difficult truths

### **Stone Cold**

Designed for the lowest-ability Key Stage 3 students, this English series provides structured coverage of grammar, punctuation, spelling and vocabulary development. For each year there is a student book (of which this one is for Year 8), a pack of eight skills books and a teacher's resource file.

### **Award-winning Books for Children and Young Adults**

It was sick and hungry and a long, long way from home Something is causing mysterious circles to appear in the cornfields of Cansfield Farm. And someone, or something, has obviously terrified Barry Cansfield, the farmer's bullying son. But when friends Ben and Midge sneak out to the farm to investigate, they discover a secret more terrifying than they could possibly have imagined - a truly monstrous horror that simply must be stopped

### **The Kite Rider**

An 'After-the-Bomb' story told by teenage Danny, one of the survivors - one of the unlucky ones. Set in Shipley, an ordinary town in the north of England, this is a powerful portrayal of a world that has broken down. Danny not only has to cope in a world of lawlessness and gang warfare, but he has to protect and look after his little brother, Ben, and a girl called Kim. Is there any hope left for a new world?

### **The Pied Piper of Hamelin**

Another gripping World War Two drama from the master storyteller and multi-award-winner, Robert Swindells. Life in a small village is boring now the war is over, there is still rationing and bomb damage and war losses. But when a group of children hear of some treasure kept locked in the village, things look a bit more interesting. And then two strangers turn up in the village - and they've heard of the treasure too . . .

## **Snakebite**

Set during the dark and dangerous build-up to the Second World War, Goodnight Mister Tom follows sad young William Beech, who is evacuated to the idyllic English countryside and builds a remarkable and moving friendship with the elderly recluse Tom Oakley. All seems perfect until William is devastatingly summoned by his mother back to London.-6 women, 7 men

## **World-Eater**

The terrible nightmare Fliss had before the school trip is becoming a chilling reality. The hotel where they are staying holds a sinister secret, but none of the teachers will believe what Fliss has seen. Ellie-May is in terrible danger - but can Fliss act quickly enough to save her? 20 parts: 7 male, 13 female, plus extras. Age 10+

## **English Matters**

## **The Play of Room 13**

After finding a tin can without a label on it, curious twelve-year-old Fergal Bamfield opens it to discover a desperate message for help that inspires Fergal and his friend, Charlotte, to venture out on a strange adventure that ends up being zanier than either could have ever imagined.

## **Abomination**

Once a creature is extinct, it's gone for ever, isn't it? Not any more - as a butterfly from the past proves. The physicist mother of Kizzy Rye and Fraser Rye has invented an amazing time machine that can travel back into the past, snatch a plant or animal now extinct and bring it back into the present. It's a wonderful achievement, a real scientific breakthrough. But the machine - 'Rye's Apparatus' - has a horrifying potential. Suddenly Kizzy and Fraser find themselves caught up in a terrifying spiral of events - events that lead finally to a monstrous demand from a sinister and violent organization WINNER OF THE 1995 EARTHWORM AWARD, 7-11 YEAR-OLD CATEGORY

## **Daz 4 Zoe**

Will Gaveston is page boy to little Prince Edward, son of King Henry VIII. When his father is accused of treason and thrown into Newgate Prison, Will has to go into hiding in the back streets of London. He is befriended by a poor boy, Nick Drew, and together they brave imprisonment and death as they desperately try to gain pardon for Will's father.

### **Room 13**

The beautiful and haunting novel that launched David Almond as one of the best children's writers of today When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . . Skellig won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award and is now a major Sky1 feature film, starring Tim Roth and John Simm. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award. Powerful and moving - The Guardian This newly jacketed edition celebrates 15 years of this multi-award-winning novel.

### **Blitzed**

Francis Joseph Cassavant is 18. He has just returned home from the Second World War, and he has no face. He does have a gun and a mission: to murder his childhood hero. Francis lost most of his face when he fell on a grenade in France. He received the Silver Star for bravery, but was it really an act of heroism? Now, having survived, he is looking for a man he once admired and respected, a man adored by many people, a man who also received a Silver Star for bravery. A man who destroyed Francis's life.

### **Tales from the Hinterland**

### **Goodnight Mister Tom**

An eclectic and voracious compilation of more than 500 reading suggestions for teenagers, this reference contains a wide range of books with an international scope. With recommendations for scary, funny, and sad books, this collection offers choices to suit every mood and moment and to satisfy all kinds of readers, whatever their tastes and interests. The entries link many different books, authors, and media together and connect classics to pop culture. An adventurous guide to

exploring exciting genres, styles, topics, and themes, this resource inspires a love for reading.

### **Nightmare Stairs**

Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him.

### **Skellig**

When Jimmy Booth becomes a collier's apprentice he discovers that life at the coal face is harsh, violent and dangerous. Even more dangerous is the mystery surrounding the pit and its 'closed road'

### **Darkside**

ALL TEACHERS GREAT AND SMALL tells the true story of Andy's first year at Cragthwaite Primary School - how he bravely negotiated the vagaries of the local dialect, made disastrous bids to provide a family home, naively and hilariously tried out new-fangled ideas in a school stuck in a 1950s time warp, and ultimately discovered a little part of England he was proud to call home. Warm, touching and very funny, All Teachers Great and Small transports you to a time that may be gone but has never been forgotten. ALL TEACHERS WISE AND WONDERFUL: A year on from the end of ALL TEACHERS GREAT AND SMALL, Barbara and Andy Seed are settled into their Dales village, but at school trouble arrives for Andy in the form of nine-year-old Sheena. After two years in the job, Andy Seed returns to Cragthwaite brimming with confidence and looking forward to a year that is bound to bring its own rewards, as well as its share of mishaps and misadventures. But even he didn't anticipate exploding piggy banks, bottle-rocket missiles, and actually deafening Dracula. At home, Andy and Barbara are enjoying life with little Tom, and are expecting again. Meanwhile, a new friendship is formed with hill farmer Adam. Adam proves both an inspiration and a confidante for Andy, and through him he begins to see the light with troubled Sheena. The second in Andy's trilogy about life as a Yorkshire Dales teacher, this is as warm, witty and refreshing as the first, full of colourful anecdotes from village and school life. Andy Seed is beginning his fifth year teaching at Cragthwaite Primary in the Yorkshire Dales, and as always a new term is full of surprises. ALL TEACHERS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL: These take the form of a beautiful, but not terribly bright, student on placement from the local teacher training college, and a particularly pushy and problematic parent with a fine line in complaining. It looks like Andy's pupils are the least of his problems At home in Applesett, things aren't all rosy either. Barbara is forced to take a job as a postie to help pay the mortgage, which means finding someone to look after Tom and Reuben. When two old friends move into the village it looks like the problem has been solved, but it soon transpires that rural life is not for everyone. As always the book is peppered with the hilarious and

heartwarming incidents that a life living and working with children inevitably contains.

### **Snapshot**

The war has just ended in the tiny village of Coney Cley, and Josh and his gang are desperate for some excitement. When they head for the eerie, abandoned Shadows Lane to explore a deserted house, they find more than they bargained for - a human tooth. Then a creepy, skeletal face appears at a dark window . . . Believing there's a skeleton haunting Shadows Lane, the children are shocked to learn the truth about 'Boney' - he's an escaped prisoner of war. But someone else is also hiding in the village - someone much more dangerous. Tense and chilling, this is another fantastically gripping tale from the award-winning author of Room 13 and Stone Cold.

### **Inside The Worm**

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### **Room 13 And Inside The Worm**

'There's something in the sky something terrible!' On the night of the great storm, a mysterious new planet suddenly appears in the sky. Orbiting the sun between Mercury and Venus, the huge blue-grey sphere has scientists baffled as probes reveal its surface to be flat and bare and its interior liquid. Eleven-year-old Orville, absorbed in writing for his favourite pigeon to hatch her first eggs, is the first to suspect the true nature of the planet. But will anyone listen to his theory? And, if they do, can they avert disaster? For if Orville is right, the world is doomed . . .

### **A Skull in Shadows Lane**

With this first book in Russell Brand's Trickster Tales series, the famed comedian, actor, and bestselling author delivers a hilarious retelling of an old fairytale favorite that will appeal to adults and children alike. Once upon a time, long ago, in a time that seemed, to those present, exactly like now except their teeth weren't so clean and more things were wooden, there was a town called Hamelin. The people of Hamelin were a pompous bunch who loved themselves and their town so much that if it were possible they would have spent all day zipped up in a space suit smelling their own farts. But space suits hadn't been invented yet so they couldn't. Then one day without warning a gang of rats bowled into the town and began causing a right rumpus... So begins Russell Brand's wildly funny and surprisingly wise retelling of the classic tale The Pied Piper of Hamelin. Whether you're a kid or a grown-up kid, you'll be chuckling the whole way through this zany story that bypasses Brand's more adult humor for the outrageous, the madcap, and the just plain silly. Maybe you've heard about the Pied Piper before, with his strange music and those pompous townspeople and pesky rats. Or maybe you haven't. But one thing is for sure: you've never heard it quite like this.

### **In the Nick of Time**

This is a contemporary tale about two friends - one of whom, Asra, is an asylum seeker from an unnamed Eastern European country. The other, Ruby Tanya, is the daughter of a local man who is campaigning against the presence of asylum seekers in his community. During a dramatic explosion at the girls' school, a young teacher is killed. The asylum seekers at the local camp are blamed, and local people begin to argue that they should be deported. A branch of the National Front gets involved and demos are planned. Asra and her parents are due to be deported, but Asra runs away at the last minute so her parents have to return without her. She hides in a nearby derelict building and is helped by Ruby Tanya.

### **Shrapnel**

Stone Cold is a Carnegie Medal-winning thriller by Robert Swindells. It is one of The Originals from Penguin - iconic, outspoken, first. A tense thriller plot is combined with a perceptive and harrowing portrait of life on the streets as a serial killer preys on the young and vulnerable homeless. Link, aged 17, is distrustful of people until he pairs up with Deb, another homeless youngster. But what Deb doesn't tell him is that she's an ambitious young journalist on a self-imposed assignment to track down the killer and she's prepared to use herself as bait The Originals are the pioneers of fiction for young adults. From political awakening, war and unrequited love to addiction, teenage pregnancy and nuclear holocaust, The Originals confront big issues and articulate difficult truths. The collection includes: The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton, I Capture the Castle - Dodie Smith, Postcards from No Man's Land - Aidan Chambers, After the First Death - Robert Cormier, Dear Nobody - Berlie Doherty, The Endless Steppe - Esther Hautzig, Buddy - Nigel Hinton, Across the Barricades - Joan Lingard, The Twelfth Day of July - Joan Lingard, No Turning Back - Beverley Naidoo, Z for Zachariah - Richard C. O'Brien, The Wave - Morton Rhue, The

Red Pony - John Steinbeck, The Pearl - John Steinbeck, Stone Cold - Robert Swindells.

### **Unbeliever**

When her father goes missing, thirteen-year-old Lily Hartman must team up with a clockmaker's son, Robert, and her mechanimal fox, Malkin, to solve the mystery of her father's disappearance and his world-changing invention, a perpetual motion machine called the Cogheart.

### **Treason**

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### **The Ice Palace**

A gorgeously illustrated collection of twelve “lush and deliciously sinister fairy tales” (Kelly Link) by the New York Times bestselling author of *The Hazel Wood* and *The Night Country!* Before *The Hazel Wood*, there was *Althea Proserpine's Tales from the Hinterland* Journey into the Hinterland, a brutal and beautiful world where a young woman spends a night with Death, brides are wed to a mysterious house in the trees, and an enchantress is killed twice—and still lives. Perfect for new readers and dedicated fans alike, Melissa Albert's *Tales from the Hinterland* features full-page illustrations by Jim Tierney, foil stamping, two-color interior printing, and printed endpapers.

### **The Back to School collection: ALL TEACHERS GREAT AND SMALL, ALL TEACHERS WISE AND WONDERFUL, ALL TEACHERS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

Charlotte is out in the woods on her own one day when something mysterious happens - she walks along a row of stones laid like stepping stones on the forest floor . . . and finds herself in another age. She has somehow slipped back to 1955, and is now, in the same woods, on the site of a very unique school, an open-air school for sick city children. No one believes her tales of the world she's come from, her mobile doesn't work and she can't see how on earth she's going to get back. A friendship with another pupil proves the key - is Jack more than he seems?

## Secret of the Shadows

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## A Candle in the Dark

It's the height of World War Two. Britain is being ravaged by bombs and most young men are off fighting. Gordon wishes he was too. Maybe then he wouldn't get bullied for having a cowardly family . . . Gordon's dad didn't serve in World War One, and now his older brother Raymond isn't serving in World War Two - he's gone missing. When Gordon finds a revolver hidden in his house, he tracks Raymond down, but ends up involved in more than he'd bargained for. Raymond enlists Gordon's help to deliver and collect some 'packages'. But is the work actually for the government? And will it have terrible consequences?

## Timesnatch

"Halloween. Harleys got to take his kid brother and sister trick-or-treating. Then, when Harleys not looking, they go missing. And when he finds them, somethings happened. theyre different. They want to play. But there are no rules to this game. Harley thought Halloween was just a bit of fun. He was wrong

Contents: All Right For You Uma Broom Having a Laugh Toffee Monsters A Trick of the Light A Bit Undead Wheres Your Dog? Aliens? Stuff We cant Explain

## Hydra

Only in the world of the theater can Nat Field find an escape from the tragedies that have shadowed his young life. So he is thrilled when he is chosen to join an American drama troupe traveling to London to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream in a new replica of the famous Globe theater. Shortly after arriving in England, Nat goes to bed ill and awakens transported back in time four hundred years -- to another London, and another production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Amid the bustle and excitement of an Elizabethan theatrical production, Nat finds the warm, nurturing father figure missing from his life -- in none other than William Shakespeare himself. Does Nat have to remain trapped in the past forever, or give up the

friendship he's so longed for in his own time?

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