



TITLE: Groosham Grange

AUTHOR: Anthony Horowitz

INTEREST AGE: 8-12 Years

BOOKBAND: Dark Red

OUR REVIEW: Attractive version of lively & weirdly entertaining story.

Imagine you are:

- David
- Mr Kilgraw
- Captain Bloodbath

What do you think of the other characters?

What do you think of Groosham Grange?

How does your character behave?

Write David's diary focusing on the events from 'The Ghost Train' chapter.

Remember to include David's feelings.

Draw a family portrait using the descriptions of Mr and Mrs Eliot and David from the first chapter.

Think about what is said about their hair, clothes and mannerisms.

Imagine that you are David. You have just arrived at Groosham Grange and are now entering Mr Kilgraw's office for the first time. Describe the office using your senses.

- What can you see?
- What can you hear?
- What can you tell?
- Do you touch anything?

Now make comparisons with your classroom.

Write a letter from David to his parents persuading them to let him come home.

Remember to use persuasive language.

Why does the school need two head teachers?

Write character descriptions for both of them.

Discuss the language techniques used throughout the story. How does it show humour?

10 Anthony Horowitz Facts

- Anthony Horowitz was born on 5th April 1955 in Middlesex, England.
- As a child he used to tell stories to his friends at boarding school. He loved *Dracula* by Bram Stoker and *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, and he knew he wanted to be a writer from the age of 8.
- He has two sons, Nicholas and Cassian.
- His first book was published in 1979. It was called *The Sinister Secret of Frederick K Bower*.
- In 2000 the first of Anthony Horowitz's Alex Rider books was published. This was called *Stormbreaker*. There are nine Alex Rider books in total and *Stormbreaker* has been made into film.
- Horowitz has written many scripts for television. In the 1980s, he wrote for the Robin of Sherwood series. In the 1990s he adapted several of Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot stories. He also wrote the World War 2 TV drama, *Foyle's War*.
- His novel for adults, *Mindgame*, was released in 2001 and was adapted for the stage in 2008.
- His three tips for writing fiction are: (1) Read more. (2) Write more. (3) Believe in yourself.
- One of his favourite books is *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.
- He listens to a lot of classical music, such as: Chopin, Benjamin Britten and Mozart.

Other books by Anthony Horowitz include...

