

**TITLE:** Storm

**AUTHOR:** Kevin Crossley-Holland

**INTEREST AGE:** 7-10 Years

**BOOKBAND:** Lime

**OUR REVIEW:** Excellent, atmospheric read that grips from the first page.

**DISCUSSION POINTS:**

Annie and her parents live in an isolated cottage on the edge of a marsh. Why is the setting so important to the story?

The story takes place around Christmas time. Why do you think the author chose to set the story at this time of year?

Annie's parents are 'rather old' and both have problems with their health. Why is this detail relevant to the story?

Annie's sister Willa tells her the legend of the ghost. Does he sound like a kindly or fearsome creature?

**Is Annie willing to set off in search of the doctor?**

**What is she most concerned about?**

**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 storm?**

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

#### ENGLISH

- Write a newspaper article to retell the story
- Write a report about extreme weather conditions.
- Create a weather-themed shape poem
- Write your own mystery story using the weather to create suspense

#### SCIENCE

- Conduct some weather related science investigations, for example, make a tornado in a jar, set up a class weather station.

#### ART

- Create collages to represent the storm.
- Create a class wind garden
- Drawing shadows

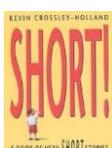
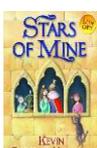
#### GEOGRAPHY

- Investigate wild weather around the world.
- Investigate the local climate
- Find out about how the weather affects people, settlements and animals.

#### DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

- Make kites and investigate wind speed and direction.

**Other books by Kevin Crossley-Holland include...**



**Peters**