



**TITLE: Street Child**

**AUTHOR: Berlie Doherty**

**INTEREST AGE: 9-13 Years**

**BOOKBAND: Dark Blue**

**OUR REVIEW:** Classic gripping tale, as useful for National Curriculum support.

**“A terrific adventure story, heart-warmingly poignant and a tribute to the resilience of human spirit. A magnificent story for the over tens.”**

How does the Daily Mail comment try and persuade you to read this novel?

Do you agree with it?

How would you sum up the novel in one quote?

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

How can the reader tell that this story is not set in modern times? Give at least 3 examples using extracts from the text.

Find a quotation in the text to show that Mr Barrack is a strict teacher.

The author describes how Jim “felt as if he had frozen into his seat” and how his “lips are stuck together as if ice had formed between them”. She later says that Jim’s legs were “trembling like reeds in the wind.”

What do these quotes tell you about Jim’s character?

## ACTIVITIES:

Write a character description of Jim

Write a dialogue between Jim's two sisters.

Write a detailed setting description of the workhouse

Create a storyboard to retell the main parts of the story

Analyse the language used. Identify powerful verbs, descriptive language and emotive phrases.

Write a newspaper report based on the conditions in the workhouse

Study life in the Victorian times. Make timelines, look at changes over time, identify similarities and differences

Role play parts of the story. Create freeze frames. Re-write parts of the story as a play script.

## Other books by Berlie Doherty include...

