

“KASPAR: PRINCE OF CATS” KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Important Information

Plot:

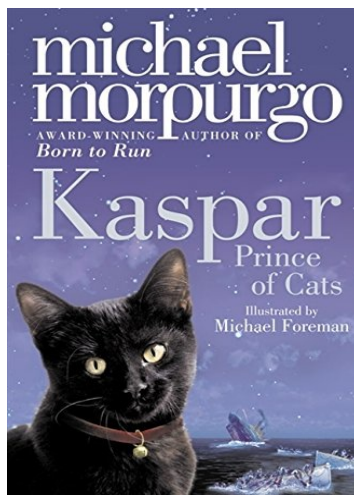
The book is about a bellboy called Johnny Trot and how he is left to care for Countess Kandinsky's cat after she dies. Johnny was the Countess' bellboy and they had grown close over her stay in the hotel where he worked. He takes over the care of her cat and ends up on worldly adventures.

Themes:

Love, loyalty, friendship, wealth

Setting:

London in 1912 at The Savoy Hotel before adventures around the world begin



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| Name of book: | Kaspar: Prince of Cats |
| Date Published: | 2008 |
| Author: | Michael Morpurgo |
| Genre: | Adventure |

Quotes

- 'I had to do whatever the guests asked me to do. In fact I was almost at everyone's beck and call'.
- 'We could always hear her coming because she rattled like a skeleton on the move'.
- 'To her, any misdemeanor, however minor, was a dreadful crime - slouching, untidy hair, dirty fingernails'.

VOCABULARY

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| elaborate | This is when lots of detail is added to something |
| collision | A collision involves two objects violently striking each other |
| opulence | This is when something like a bedroom is very luxurious |
| chandeliers | A decorative light with lots of bulbs that hangs down at a low position from the ceiling |
| stowed | Packing and storing items carefully and neatly |
| lavish | Being generous and extravagant |
| bellboy | Someone who works in a hotel and assists people with their luggage and other simple tasks |
| iceberg | Ice that breaks off from glaciers and is then floating |
| interior | The interior of something is the inside of something e.g. the interior of a house |
| countess | A title awarded to females deemed important or who have high status |

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Is it fair that the wealthy were allowed on the lifeboats first?
- If you were in a lifeboat and there were spaces, would you let others on?

MAIN CHARACTERS

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| Kasper | Prince of Cats. King of the cats who arrives in a basket at The Savoy Hotel as, as far as anyone is aware, is the only cat to have survived the Titanic disaster. |
| Johnny Trott | A bell-boy at the hotel who does anything which is asked of him. |
| Countess Kandinsky | A fascinating opera singer who Johnny strikes a friendship with. She is the owner of Kaspar. |
| Mrs Blaise | The loud, demanding housekeeper at The Savoy Hotel. |
| Lizziebeth | A spirited American heiress who Johnny and Kaspar end up in America with. |