

# Kasper Prince of Cats KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

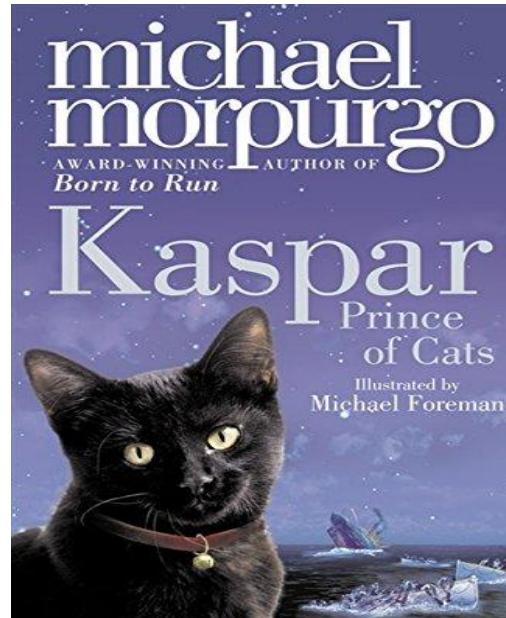
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 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



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

## CHARACTERS

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

## KEY 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 misdemeanour, however minor, was a dreadful crime - slouching, untidy hair, dirty fingernails'.

## 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?

## VOCABULARY

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