

People in the story

Andy Lawson: a thirteen-year-old boy; Mary Lawson's twin brother

Mary Lawson: a thirteen-year-old girl; Andy Lawson's twin sister

Miss O'Brien: Andy and Mary's science teacher

Mr Green Shirt: Mary sees this man in a shop

Mr Blue Shirt: a friend of Mr Green Shirt

Inspector Helen Forrester: a Dublin police officer

Sergeant Tom Brady: a Dublin police officer

BEFORE YOU READ



1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 1. Answer the questions.

1 What does Mary buy at the start of Chapter 1?

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2 What do Andy and Mary buy at the end of Chapter 1?

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LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the sentences with either *Andy* or *Mary*.

- 1 *Andy* thinks the *Book of Kells* is beautiful.
- 2 has long dark hair and big brown eyes.
- 3 knows how old the *Book of Kells* is.
- 4 goes to the shop next door.
- 5 likes the Trinity College T-shirts.
- 6 thinks they've got time for an ice cream.
- 7 wants a strawberry ice cream.
- 8 gives the shop assistant a €20 note.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Andy / Mary doesn't think the *Book of Kells* is interesting.
- 2 Andy and Mary look / don't look the same.
- 3 Andy and Mary think / don't think the same.
- 4 Mary is 160 / 170 centimetres tall.
- 5 Over a million / half a million people visit the *Book of Kells* every year.
- 6 The man with the green Ireland football shirt gives the shop assistant a €20 / €50 note.
- 7 Mary buys a Trinity College T-shirt / a CD about the Book of Kells.
- 8 Mary's €50 / €20 note is forged.

4 Who or what do the underlined words refer to?

the shop assistant	<i>Book of Kells</i> (x2)	
Andy and Mary	a €20 note	Trinity College T-shirts

- 1 'Isn't it beautiful?' (page 5) ...*Book of Kells*.....
- 2 Look at it. (page 6)
- 3 And they're not too expensive.' (page 6)
- 4 Actually, they were in Trinity College in Dublin (page 6)
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- 5 Then he turned the note over and looked at it again.
(page 8)
- 6 Then he put Mary's note next to it. (page 9)

5 Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 What is very old and very famous? b
 - 2 What does the man with the green shirt buy?
 - 3 Who does Mary give the forged note to?
 - 4 What does Mary need to take to the police station?
- a The €20 note.
b The *Book of Kells*.
c The ice-cream shop assistant.
d A postcard.

LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in Chapters 2 and 3.

- 1 Andy and Mary take the forged note to the police station.
- 2 Andy and Mary see the man from the Trinity College shop again and go after him.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 11.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Andy wants / *doesn't want* to tell Miss O'Brien about the forged note.
- 2 Mary *gets* / *doesn't get* a new €20 note from Miss O'Brien.
- 3 In their hotel room, Andy and Mary talk about *Miss O'Brien* / *the man with the green Ireland football shirt*.
- 4 Andy and Mary *go to the cinema* / *go after Mr Green Shirt*.
- 5 Andy and Mary wait for Mr Green Shirt to come out of the *house* / *gardens*.
- 6 Mr Green Shirt wants *Andy and Mary to leave* / *to know about Andy and Mary*.
- 7 Mary stops and talks to *a statue* / *Mr Green Shirt*.
- 8 Andy and Mary stop running and look back, but *they don't see Mr Green Shirt* / *Mr Green Shirt is still running*.

- 3 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Mary tells Andy about the film.
- 2 Mary sees Mr Green Shirt at the front of the hotel.
- 3 Andy and Mary tell Miss O'Brien about the forged note.
- 4 Mary runs up to a statue.
- 5 Mr Green Shirt runs after Andy and Mary.
- 6 Andy and Mary run out of Merrion Square and into the street.
- 7 Andy and Mary watch television.
- 8 Andy and Mary wait for Mr Green Shirt.

4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Mary thinks it's good to tell Miss O'Brien about the forged note.
- 2 A €20 note is a lot of money to Mary.
- 3 Andy is going to the cinema in the evening.
- 4 Andy and Mary listen to Mr Green Shirt's conversation with the receptionist.
- 5 Mary thinks that it is important to go to the film.
- 6 Andy and Mary walk behind Mr Green Shirt to Merrion Square.
- 7 Mr Green Shirt sees Andy and Mary in the gardens.
- 8 Mr Green Shirt is a fast runner.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Who gives the Trinity College shop assistant the forged €20 note?
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- 2 Why does Mary want to wait in the gardens?
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- 3 Why is Mr Green Shirt angry?
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- 4 Whose statue is in Merrion Square?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next three chapters.

- 1 Andy and Mary don't go to the cinema.
- 2 Miss O'Brien calls the police.
- 3 Andy and Mary see Mr Green Shirt again.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 21.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Andy and Mary see Miss O'Brien after / before the film.
- 2 Mary tells Miss O'Brien about the statue / Mr Green Shirt.
- 3 Mr Green Shirt / Mr Blue Shirt is driving the taxi.
- 4 In the *Goodbye Game* the car drives into a river / tree.
- 5 Andy and Mary put their hands on the wheel / over the men's eyes.
- 6 The men open the car doors / front windows and swim away.
- 7 The police get to the River Liffey before / after the men get away.
- 8 Brady knows / doesn't know Mr Green Shirt and Mr Blue Shirt.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

half past seven five minutes in minutes
ten o'clock Mr Green Shirt Andy Mary

- 1 Miss O'Brien comes back from the cinema at half past seven.
- 2 Andy and Mary wait at the front of the hotel for
- 3 shouts for help.
- 4 talks about the *Goodbye Game* in the taxi.
- 5 Andy and Mary get out of the car and onto the street
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- 6 At Andy and Mary are at the police station.
- 7 Andy gives Inspector Forrester a photo of

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 What are Andy and Mary doing at the front of the hotel? 6
 - 2 Why can't anybody see in the taxi?
 - 3 Why doesn't Mary look afraid in the taxi?
 - 4 Why does Mr Green Shirt take his hands off the wheel?
 - 5 Why does Forrester leave Andy and Mary in the room?
- a Andy puts his hands over his eyes.
 - ~~b~~ They're waiting for a taxi.
 - c She goes to call Miss O'Brien.
 - d She's thinking about how to get away from the men.
 - e The windows are dark.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where are Andy and Mary at the start of Chapter 4?
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- 2 What do Andy and Mary do to the men in the taxi in Chapter 5?
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- 3 What are the two police officers going to do at the end of Chapter 6?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the final two chapters.

- 1 Miss O'Brien comes to the police station.
- 2 Andy and Mary don't see the men again.
- 3 Andy and Mary help the police.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 35.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Andy, Mary and Miss O'Brien go to Maguire's Café.
- 2 Andy, Mary and Forrester go to the hotel.
- 3 The police find forged notes in Miss O'Brien's hotel room.
- 4 Andy and Mary learn that Mr Green Shirt is Miss O'Brien's brother.
- 5 Miss O'Brien goes to the police station.
- 6 Andy and Mary run after Miss O'Brien.
- 7 Miss O'Brien runs up O'Connell Street.
- 8 Miss O'Brien calls her brother.

- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Where does Miss O'Brien take Andy and Mary? d
 - 2 Why does Fergus come to take Miss O'Brien, Andy and Mary?
 - 3 Why do police officers run out of everywhere?
 - 4 How do the police know that Miss O'Brien helps Mr Green Shirt?
 - 5 How do Mr Green Shirt and Mr Blue Shirt know that Andy and Mary are at the hotel?
- a They want to talk to Mr Green Shirt and Mr Blue Shirt.
 - b They find forged notes in her hotel room.
 - c Miss O'Brien phones them.
 - ~~d~~ A late night café.
 - e Miss O'Brien doesn't want them to take a taxi again.

4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 At the police station, Forrester tells Miss O'Brien everything.
- 2 Maguire's Café is near the police station.
- 3 Miss O'Brien calls Fergus from Maguire's Café.
- 4 Mary enjoyed seeing the *Book of Kells*.
- 5 Mr Green Shirt sees the police and starts running.
- 6 Andy and Mary take Miss O'Brien by the arms.
- 7 Deirdre O'Brien makes forged notes.
- 8 Fergus buys things with forged notes and gets real money back.

5 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Miss O'Brien comes into the room at the police station at *ten thirty / twenty past ten*.
- 2 Andy *isn't hungry / enjoyed seeing the Book of Kells*.
- 3 Mr Blue Shirt is a *slow / fast* runner.
- 4 *Fergus / Patrick Donnelly* sometimes works for Grafton's Taxis.
- 5 Andy and Mary are going back to England with *their parents / a new teacher*.

6 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Miss O'Brien go out of Maguire's Café?
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- 2 Who is Mr Green Shirt?
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- 3 How does Forrester know Deirdre O'Brien also changes forged notes?
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