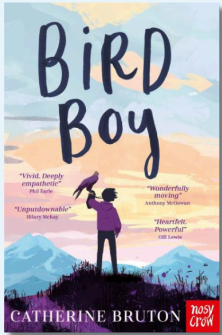


# Bird Boy

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# BOOK TALK CARDS



YEAR  
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## THEMES:

- Death
- Families
- Birds
- Friendships
- Refugees

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Can you heal a broken wing? What about a broken heart?

After years trapped in a high-rise flat, with only birds for company, Will doesn't know how he'll survive a place like this, but he soon finds solace in the woods, when he's surrounded by birdsong.



## OUR THOUGHTS

"A touching yet heartwarming story about overcoming grief and the healing power of nature. Tough themes of mental health, loss, grief and refugees are tackled into a pitch perfect narrative."

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 What role does nature play in Will's recovery from his trauma? How does Will's relationship with the osprey mirror his own journey of healing?
- 2 What qualities does Will show that help him to overcome his mother's death and settling into his new environment?
- 3 How does Will's friendship with Omar help him to survive the difficult times? How does Omar affect his actions and decision? In what ways does your closest friend support you through any difficult times?
- 4 How do the experiences of birds in the story reflect the experience of human migrants like Omar?
- 5 Mum told Will many stories, especially about birds. How did this help Will to understand the world and what his mother went through?
- 6 Uncle Ian seems cold and distant towards Will, but how do we know that he really cares for him? How does their relationship develop throughout the story?
- 7 Both Will and Omar are forced to leave their homes. How do they both cope with these changes?
- 8 Will really doesn't want to go to school. Why? What difficulties does he face and how does he manage to be accepted in the end?

## TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

