

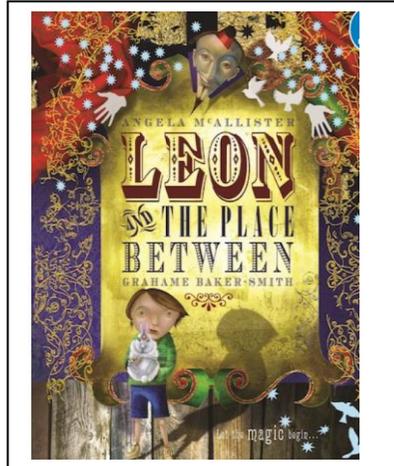
# Book Knowledge Organiser - Leon and the Place Between

## Important Information

**Plot** - wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world. Filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants - among other things.

**Themes** - magic, fantasy, imagination

**Setting** - a big show tent, packed with an audience sat on the grass in front of a stage, ready to watch a magic show.



Name of Book: Leon and the Place Between

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Author: Angela McAllister

Illustrator: Graham Baker-Smith

**Contexts** Travelling magic shows and circuses set up tents (often called 'Big Tops'); people come from all around to see amazing and magical performances. There are bright lights, sparkly costumes and a magician who does tricks including pulling rabbits out of hats and making people disappear.

## Characters

Leon	a boy who believes in magic (main character)
Tom	Leon's brother
Little Mo	Leon's younger sister
Pete	Leon's brother
Abdul Kazam	a great magician
A boy in blue pantaloons	the magician's son
White rabbit	a pet stuck in the Place Between

## Key vocabulary

barrel organ	A musical instrument that plays a tune when a handle is turned
beckoned	to ask somebody to move using hand movements
blossomed	to grow and appear
carousel	a ride that goes round and round
dim	a light that isn't very bright
enchanted	placed under a magical spell
gasp	a sharp intake of breath
hissed	to whisper in an urgent way
impatient	to feel annoyed because something is taking too long
lurched	to make an unsteady movement forwards
majestic	something that is beautiful and impressive
perfumed	something that has a nice smell
solemn	very serious - without smiling
swoop	to fly quickly downwards
tumbled	flips and somersaults in the air