

# Book Knowledge Organiser - Fortunately, the Milk

Dad	Protagonist - Goes to fetch the milk but ends up on an adventure.
Mum	Goes away for a few days
Son	Finds there is no milk in the fridge.
Daughter	Waiting for milk from dad.
Globby Aliens	Antagonists - want to redecorate the entire earth.
Queen of the Pirates	Antagonist - A swashbuckling pirate who threatens dad.
Professor Steg	A stegosaurus who rides a hot air balloon.
Splod	The god of people with short, funny names.
The Wumpires	Antagonists - Worm-eating, vampires desperate to eat something else!
Galactic Police	Uniformed dinosaurs in charge of protecting the

## Plot

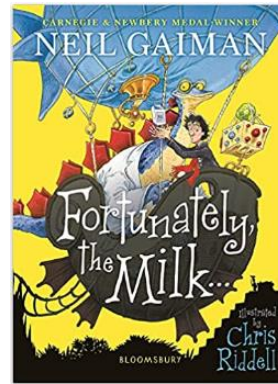
A father is left to look after the children while their mother goes to a conference. The son sees there is no milk in the fridge so the father goes to buy some. He takes a very long time and when he is back, the children ask where he has been. The dad gives a long, elaborate story involving pirates, dinosaurs, ponies and spaceships; the children do not believe him!

## Themes

Truth v. lies; companionship; courage; responsibility; humour; imagination; creativity and fun!

## Setting

The family live on the corner of Marshall Road and Fletcher Lane, most probably, somewhere in England but the story soon turns to an alien ship, a pirate ship in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Caribbean Sea, a hot air balloon piloted by a dinosaur who has travelled to the future, a volcano in a jungle, and then a vampire castle.



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## Quotes from the text

“I have invented the thing we are travelling in, which I call Professor Steg’s Floaty-Ball-Person-Carrier.”

“I’ll explain later. Fate of the world at stake.”

## Key Vocabulary

angelic		like an angel
baffled		totally confused
conference		a formal meeting that can take place over a few days
defrosted		removed ice so it is no longer frozen
despondency		low spirits from loss of hope or courage
doubloon		a Spanish gold coin
hauled		pull or drag with effort or force
ominously		suggesting that something bad is going to happen
prophecy		a prediction of what will happen in the future
remodel		change the structure, shape or form of something
rumbled		discovered or found out
sacrificed		killing an animal or person to a god