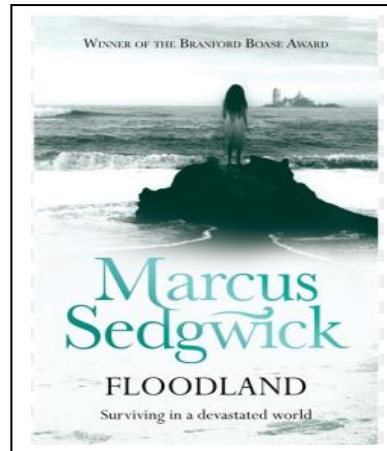


Book Knowledge Organiser - Floodland

Vocabulary

derelict		Something in a poor condition due to disuse or neglect
deserted		A place empty of people
thwart		Prevent someone from doing/achieving something
cathedral		A large important church that has a bishop in charge of it
desperation		A state of despair causing extreme behaviour
scavenged		Search/collect anything usable from rubbish
hassock		A cushion for kneeling on in church, while at prayer
chapel		Part of a cathedral with its own altar
brazenly		In a bold and shameless way
brutal		Savagely, violent, harsh or unpleasant
resistance		The refusal to accept or comply with something
gingerly		In a careful or cautious manner



Name of Book: **Floodland**

First Published: 2000

Author: **Marcus Sedgwick**

Genre: **Dystopian Fiction**

Main Characters

Zoe	Protagonist - Young English girl looking for her parents
Dooby	Antagonist - Runs Eel Island, including the cathedral
William	An older inhabitant of Eel Island -seen by others as crazy
Munchkin	One of Dooby's henchmen
Spat	One of Dooby's henchmen
Sarah	Inhabitant of Eel Island
Molly	Inhabitant of Eel Island
Natasha	Previous friend of Zoe
The Cat	Enemy spy who is caught by Dooby
Rosie and Mary	Two residents of Cambridge
The Doctor	Lives in Cambridge
Zoe's Mum and Dad	Left Zoe behind as they escaped by boat.

Plot - Zoe runs from a group of people chasing her and escapes in her boat called 'Lyca' which she found and patched up. The seas are rising and the world is running out of land. She lands on Eel Island where life is just as difficult and unsavoury characters are out to look after only themselves. Zoe explains that her parents accidentally left her behind when boats came to rescue them and she has been searching for them ever since.

Setting - Initially set in Norwich, a south-eastern city in England, the novel is set in the future where the sea is constantly rising and reducing the amount of land, causing poverty, crime and everyone fending for themselves. Zoe ends up rowing to a small island with a cathedral as its central building.

Themes - climate change, global warming, loneliness, courage, trust, perseverance, determination.