

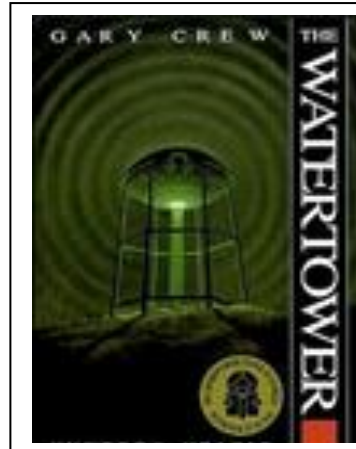
# Book Knowledge Organiser - The Water Tower by Gary Crew and Steven Woolman

## Important Information

**Plot** - Spike Trotter and Bubba D'Angelo are two boys looking to cool down on a sweltering day. They head to the town's water tower, climb on top and slip into the dark and mysterious water tank for a swim. Spike heads straight in but Bubba is afraid.

**Themes** - mystery, friendship, suspense, fear, imagination, science fiction.

**Setting** - the story is set in modern day Australian outback, in a town called Preston where a water tower stands on



Name of Book: The Watertower

Date Published: 1994

Author: Gary Crew

Illustrator: Steven Woolman

Genre: fiction, suspense

## Context

A **water tower** is a building that is used to hold and give out water. It is almost always built on a high place. It works because a pump gives water to the tower, and gravity makes the saved water go out to the places that need water. Those places are connected to the tower by pipes.

## Key vocabulary

algae	a type of plant that grows in water or damp places
casting	causing a shadow to appear
clambered	climbed with difficulty
coiled	a series of loops
edded	a movement that goes round and round
festering	becoming rotten; decaying
leaking	letting liquid escape
murky	dark, dirty and unpleasant
squatting	lowering to the ground, balancing on feet
summit	the top of something - usually a mountain
trespassers	people who go somewhere without permission
vandals	people who deliberately damage things
wailing	a long sorrowful cry
warped	damaged by bending or curving
yelping	a sudden short cry of pain or fear

## Characters

Spike Trotter	A confident boy - about 11 years old.
Bubba D'Angelo	Spike's friend.
Mama D'Angelo	Bubba's mother.
Town's folk	A group of people who live in Preston