



Nicky and Kenny are brothers who live with their father and his girlfriend Jenny in a town in Yorkshire. Things have been tense at home for them. They haven't seen their mother for a few years and are feeling anxious about her upcoming visit. They go for a walk up in the moors to escape the tension, but things take an unexpected turn and they are tested in ways they didn't think possible.

Kenny is vulnerable due to his learning difficulties, but proves he is capable of far more than anyone expected.



Anthony McGowan was born in January 1965 and is an author of books for children, teenagers and young adults. He won the Carnegie prize for his book Lark. He was born in Manchester but grew up in Leeds and attended a tough comprehensive which left a lasting impact on him. His experiences there form the basis of many of his books and stories. McGowan now specialises in writing stories for children with dyslexia, ensuring the language is straightforward and accessible.



The North York Moors is an upland area in north-eastern Yorkshire, England. It contains one of the largest expanses of heather moorland in the United Kingdom. The area was designated as a National Park in 1952.



Key Terms	Definition
Estranged	Separated from someone you were once close to.
Novella	A short novel or a long story
Hypothermia	A condition of having a lower body temperature than normal body temperature. It causes excessive shivering, slowed breathing, mumbled speech, confusion, drowsiness and weak pulse.
Lark	A bird that is symbolic of peace, joy and laughter but also a verb which describes playing around foolishly.
Carnegie	The Carnegie Medal is a British literary award that annually recognises one outstanding new English-language book for children or young adults. It is conferred upon the author by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP).