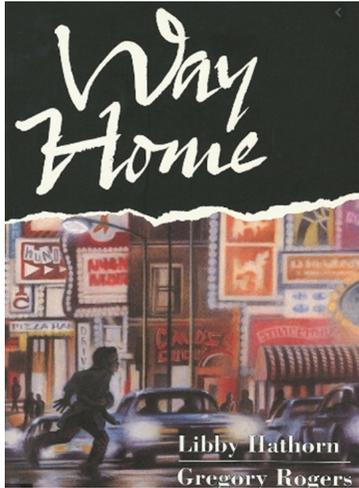


Way Home Knowledge Organiser



Blurb:

On the streets, Shane is used to fending for himself, until he meets a cat with no name and discovers a friendship worth protecting, as they find their way home.

'Way Home' is a terrific book
Raymond Briggs

Winner of the 1994

CILIP

Kate Greenaway Medal.

Key Information:

Plot: It's night and the dark is filled with strange sounds as Shane makes his way home. On a fence he finds a stray cat that at first growls and spits at him. But Shane talks and strokes the kitten to calmness, and decides to take the 'Spitfire, Kitten Number One,' home with him. No gang of boys, or avenue of dense traffic, or fierce dog can stop Shane carrying his new found friend to the place he calls home. Greg Rogers' sensitive use of charcoal and pastel create Shane and his cat in splendid city-at-night time scenes.

Setting: Visual story telling

Themes: homeless, bravery, prejudice, irrational fear, inclusion, teaching children not to fear people who are different to themselves, but to learn to understand and accept them. It is also gives a feeling of hope.

Key Characters:

Shane	A boy
cat	A cat with no name
gang	A group of boys

Author Voice:

Libby Hathorn is an award-winning Australian author of more than forty books for children. Her stories have been translated into several languages and adapted for stage and screen. Her work has won honours in Australia as well as in the United States, United Kingdom and Holland. Libby is currently working on a poetry collection, as well as a special arts project entitled 100 VIEWS in several schools, both here and internationally. She teaches Creative Writing part-time at Sydney University

Key Vocabulary:

scrambles	To move quickly or awkwardly up a steep gradient or over rough ground
garbage	Rubbish or waste, especially from a home
collar	A band around the neck of an animal, used to identify it.
peers	To look carefully
blare	Make/or cause to make a loud noise
showroom	A room used to display goods for sale, such as cars or furniture.
bounding	To walk or run with leaping strides

Key Quotes:

"Guess what, Bestcat? You're coming home with me to my place." And he lifts the cat with no name from the top of the fence. He puts it deep inside his zip-up coat.

Discussion Points:

- What is it like to leave everything behind.?
- What key message was Francesca Sanna getting across?
- Which character would you describe as the bravest and why?