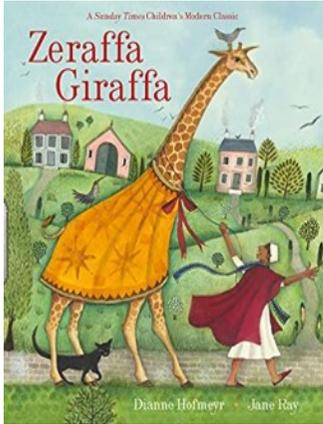


Zeraffa Giraffa Knowledge Organiser



Blurb:

This is the astonishing true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe who was sent as a gift from Egypt to France in 1827. A young boy takes care of Zeraffa on her epic journey to Paris where she was the first giraffe ever seen. Everyone falls in love with Zeraffa.

'This is a magical book about a true story' - The Sunday Times

Key Information:

Plot: This is the astonishing true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe who was sent as a gift from Egypt to France in 1826. A young boy, Atir, takes care of Zeraffa on her epic journey and the sailors sing songs as she gazes down at them. In France, Atir leads her through the countryside, and thousands of people marvel at Zeraffa. Paris falls in love with Zeraffa. The King builds her a special house in the Jardin des Plantes. On warm nights, the young princess visits, while Atir whispers stories to Zeraffa of a hot land far away. The amazing story by an award-winning author of a giraffe's extraordinary voyage from Africa to Paris.

Setting: Visual story telling of a journey

Themes: Animals and Habitats Around the World Rivers, Seas and Oceans Transport and Journeys

Key Vocabulary:

Acacias	A plant
felucca	A wooden sailing boat
amulet	A piece of jewellery that protects you from evil
glimpse	To see part of an image
haboob	A dust storm
pivot	Turning point
cobblestones	Stones with a rounded surface found in roads and paths.

Key Characters:

Zeraffa	A giraffe
Atir	A servant boy
Monsieur Stravganza	An inventor of extraordinary things

Author Voice:

Dianne Hofmeyr grew up on the tip of Southern Africa. She graduated as an art teacher in Cape Town and has written several teenage novels and picture books. she has won the M-Net Award for fiction and has two IBBY Honour Books.

Key Quotes:

"I'll name you Zeraffa," Atir whispered as he hung an amulet around her neck.

Discussion Points:

- Have you ever packed up to go on a long journey?
- How can you be protected by the weather – hot or cold on a journey?
- Which character would you describe as the bravest and why?