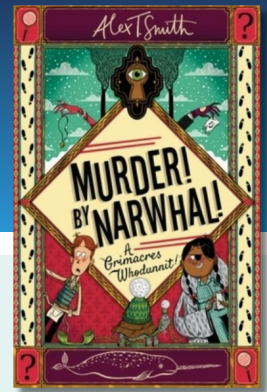




BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

Mystery
Adventure • Humour

Murder! by Narwhal!

by Alex T Smith

When the tyrannical family patriarch Sir Ignatious Gristle is murdered on his 90th birthday at his country estate, every one of his gathered family members is a suspect.



OUR THOUGHTS

“Absolutely pitch-perfect take on classic crime mysteries, with a lively cast of characters, plenty of twists & turns and fantastic illustrations. Brilliant!”

TIME TO TALK

- 1 Why do you think Edna has a tortoise for a pet? Would any other type of pet suit her?
- 2 Several times in the book, Edna is left out of conversations because she is a child. Have you ever been left out of something because you are a child? How did that make you feel?
- 3 Did you find the chapter header drawings and newspaper articles throughout the book helpful in solving the mystery? What else might help you?
- 4 Why does the author set the book during a bad snowstorm? Would it work as well if the weather were sunny and warm, for example?
- 5 Edna enjoys reading about murder and disease. Do you think this helps when she is the one to find her grandfather?
- 6 How would it be different if Audrey had found him?
- 7 Do you think the names of the characters are suited to their personalities, roles, etc? Can you think of appropriate names for a maid; another sibling of Edna and Audrey; a police officer?
- 8 Giovanna Bellissimo says that she helps return treasures that have been stolen by private collectors, as at Grimacres. Do you think she is doing a good thing? Why or why not?
- 9 The book is set sometime in the first half of the 20th century. Why do you think the author used a historical setting? Do you think the story would work as well if it was set in the present day?



TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

