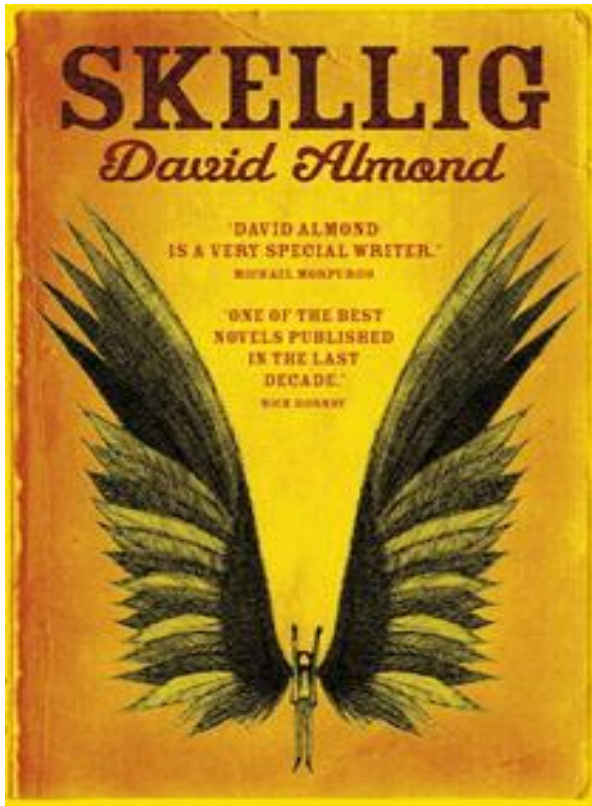


Skellig:

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Key vocabulary

Demolition	the act of destroying completely
Arid	lacking sufficient water or rainfall
Famished	extremely hungry
Stunt	check the growth or development of
Stench	a distinctive odour that is offensively unpleasant
Ancestor	someone from whom you are descended
Stifle	smother or suppress
Evolution	sequence of events involved in the development of a species
Fledgling	young bird that has just become capable of flying

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Plot summary:

When Michael moves into a crumbling, old house with an ancient garage, that he cannot resist going into, he encounters a mysterious creature named Skellig. Slowly they come to trust and care for each other and help each other through the most difficult phase of their lives.

Themes:

Nurture
Friendship
Trust and love

Main Characters

Michael	A 10-year-old boy, who discovered Skellig in his garage.
Mina	Michael's neighbour and friend.
Skellig	The mysterious man Michael found in his garage.
Leakey	Michael's friend from school.
Coot	Michael's friend from school.
Mum	Michael's mother.
Dad	Michael's father.
Joy	Michael's baby sister.
Doctor Death	(aka. Dr. Dan, the doctor that comes to Michael's house to check up on the baby).
Mrs McKee	Mina's mother

Other Important Information

- Michael and his family have just moved to a new home.
- Michael's baby sister is born prematurely. She has a heart condition and it is unlikely that she will survive.
- Skellig is squatting in the garage.
- Mina is home-schooled.