

LEARNING FOCUS:

- Prediction
- Language analysis
- Genre



SEAL/GIRL

Pre-reading: Blurb



Answer these questions based on the blurb for the book. Make sure you answer them in full sentences.

Who is she? Is she your queen?

*Her name is Aaushi.
She is a scientist.*



1. Why do you think the blurb begins with questions?
2. How do the answers create more mystery?
3. What do we learn about the narrative (storyline) in the blurb? List the information we are given under these headings: *character, setting and narrative*.
4. Have your opinions on what the story will be about altered since reading the blurb? If so, how and why?
5. Why do you think this book will appeal to its audience of 8-12 year-olds? You might want to focus in your answer on character and narrative.

Gorran is lucky— he lives in a village right on the Cornish coast. He loves science and nature, and wishes he could put the two together somehow to solve the world's problems. His mum is always busy working and seems sad, but his friend Tick keeps him cheerful and he knows he can always lean on his neighbour Grace, who's like a (cool) big sister.

One spring day, his life is forever altered by an accident and a chance encounter with a girl in a soft grey coat. Before long, the three friends are mixed up in a race to protect a hidden world from certain environmental disaster.