

A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO

THE LOTHIAN RUN by Mollie Hunter



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Themes/issues addressed in this book

Smuggling and customs & excise; medieval Edinburgh; Jacobite politics

Book Summary

It is 1736. Sandy is sixteen, and is a lawyer's apprentice in Edinburgh, but is finding it rather boring. When a stranger arrives in town and says he has come to hunt down a wanted smuggler, Sandy's life becomes more interesting! His adventures lead him through the streets and passages of Edinburgh and its suburbs, and he ends up embroiled in a Jacobite coup.

BEFORE READING

Group Activities

- Discussion: what do you know about smuggling? Why and how do people smuggle goods? What kind of goods are smuggled these days?
- Discussion: what do you know about the historical setting of this book? What had happened to the monarchy in England and Scotland leading up to this point? Who were the Jacobites?

AFTER READING

Individual Work

- Think of the distance between Edinburgh and London. Sandy tells Gilmour that there is only one coach a week between the two cities (p. 38). Compare this to the modern-day situation and write about the differences. Pretend you live in 1736 and describe a journey from Edinburgh to London on Hoseah's coach.
- Many different jobs and occupations are mentioned in the book. Pick the one you would most like to do yourself and write about what you would do in a working day.

Group Activities

- Discussion: why was it necessary to smuggle tea into the country? Which country did tea come from?
- Read again about the busy traffic in Edinburgh's High St (p. 29-37). In groups, pick a busy shopping street in your town and describe what you see walking along it on a Saturday morning.
- Discussion: what did happen to the Jacobites? Find out about the Jacobite rebellion of 1745 on the Internet or in the library and draw a timeline of the key events.

Vocabulary

- Check you know what the following words mean:

caution	brutal
visualize	treason
exhaustion	interrogator
criminal	diverted
apparition	undertone
tattle	grim
revival	haggard
revolutionary	extinguisher

Kelpies

Series Summary

The award-winning Kelpies series is Scotland's favourite collection of children's fiction. Floris Books took over publication of these books in 2001. The series includes such classic novels as Kathleen Fidler's The Desperate Journey, Mollie Hunter's The Thirteenth Member, and Theresa Breslin's Simon's Challenge. Genres included in the series range from historical and folklore to detective and adventure stories.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS COVERED

5-14 Curriculum (Scotland)

Years: P6-P7, S1-S3

Reading:

Reading for Information

Reading to Reflect

Awareness of Genre

Talking:

Talking in groups

Talking about texts

Talking about experiences, feeling and opinions

Writing:

Functional

Imaginative

National Curriculum (England, Wales, Northern Ireland)

Key Stages 2 and 3

English: Reading

Reading Strategies

Response to Texts, inc analysing and evaluating

Reading for Information

National Literacy Strategy:

Text-Level Reading

Text-Level Writing

Vocabulary