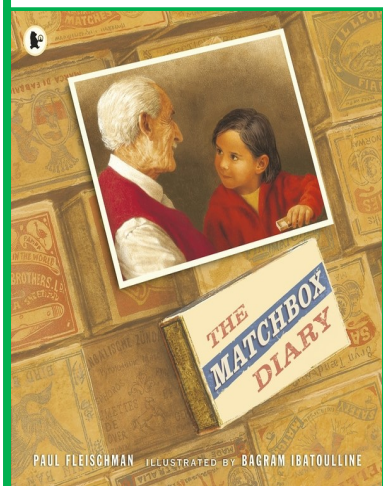


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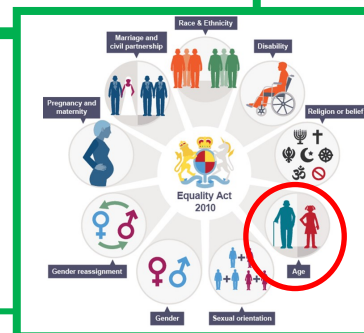
The Matchbox Diary

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'The Matchbox Diary' is a story about a great - granddaughter who visits her great - grandfather and finds an object she is curious about: an old cigar box. Inside the box are some matchboxes containing little surprises she can hold in her hand. Each matchbox a memory, a story of her great - grandfathers life from long ago.

Themes: Family bonds, curiosity, determination, courage, judging others



Title The Matchbox Diary

Author Paul Fleischman

Genre Historical fiction

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Key Vocabulary

buttonhook	A small hook with a long handle for fastening tight buttons.
emigrate	To leave your place of residence or country to live elsewhere.
illiterate	Someone who is unable to read or write.
immigrant	A person who moves to live permanently in a foreign country.
matchbox	A small box that holds matches with a striking surface on one side.
memories	Something remembered from the past.
poverty	Being extremely poor.

Characters

Great - granddaughter	A curious little girl who wants to find out more about her great - grandfather and his matchboxes.
Great - grandfather	Born in Italy, he and his family emigrate to America to join his father who is already living there. He has a difficult time with other people due to him being an immigrant child. But he eventually has the chance to go to school to learn to read and write

Theme examples:

Tolerance, Kindness, Betrayal, Judging Others, Courage, wisdom, compassion, sacrifice, friendship, determination, love, poverty, family, war, suffering, resilience, loneliness, wealth, cruelty, humility loss, grief, illness, bravery, luck, trust, hope, self belief, forgiveness, betrayal, perseverance, freedom, suffering, fear,

Genre examples:

Fiction: Historical fiction, traditional tales, myths, legends, fantasy, mystery, poetry, graphic novel, fairy tale. adventure, realistic fiction, science fiction, picture book

Non-fiction: autobiography, biography, newspaper, diary, letter, speeches, informational