

CONTEXT	CHARACTERS	THE LONDON BOMBINGS
<p>The novel was written in 2011 and addresses the tragic bombing in London five years previously. And its effect on a family. The book is Annabel Pitcher's debut novel and has been successfully nominated for many awards. Pupils at St Monica's may see links to the Manchester bomb of 2017.</p> <p>Annabel Pitcher was traveling with her husband when the idea for this novel came to her in the middle of the night, and she spent the rest of the trip writing it down on notepads in one country after another. A graduate of Oxford University, she lives in England.</p>	<p>Jamie – the ten year old narrator of the novel</p> <p>Jas – Jamie's sister. She is five years older than Jamie</p> <p>Rose – Jas's twin who died in the London bombings five years ago</p> <p>Mum – she leaves the family to be with Nigel</p> <p>Dad – he takes Jamie and Jas to the Lake District to start a new life but he struggles to cope.</p> <p>Nigel – Mum's new boyfriend</p> <p>Roger – Jamie's cat</p> <p>Sunya – a Muslim girl whom Jamie befriends.</p> <p>Mrs Farmer – Jamie's teacher.</p>	<p>The 7 July 2005 London bombings, often referred to as 7/7, were a series of coordinated terrorist <a href="#">suicide attacks</a> in <a href="#">London</a>, United Kingdom, which targeted commuters travelling on <a href="#">the city's public transport system</a> during the morning rush hour. Four radical <a href="#">Islamic terrorists</a> separately detonated three homemade bombs in quick succession aboard <a href="#">London Underground</a> trains across the city and, later, a fourth on a double-decker bus in <a href="#">Tavistock Square</a>.<sup>[1]</sup> The train bombings occurred on the <a href="#">Circle line</a> near <a href="#">Aldgate</a> and at <a href="#">Edgware Road</a>, and on the <a href="#">Piccadilly line</a> near <a href="#">Russell Square</a>.</p> <p>Fifty-two people of 18 different nationalities, all of whom were UK residents, were killed, and more than 700 were injured, in the attacks.</p>