

Over the next few weeks,
we are going to be reading and discussing

Skellig

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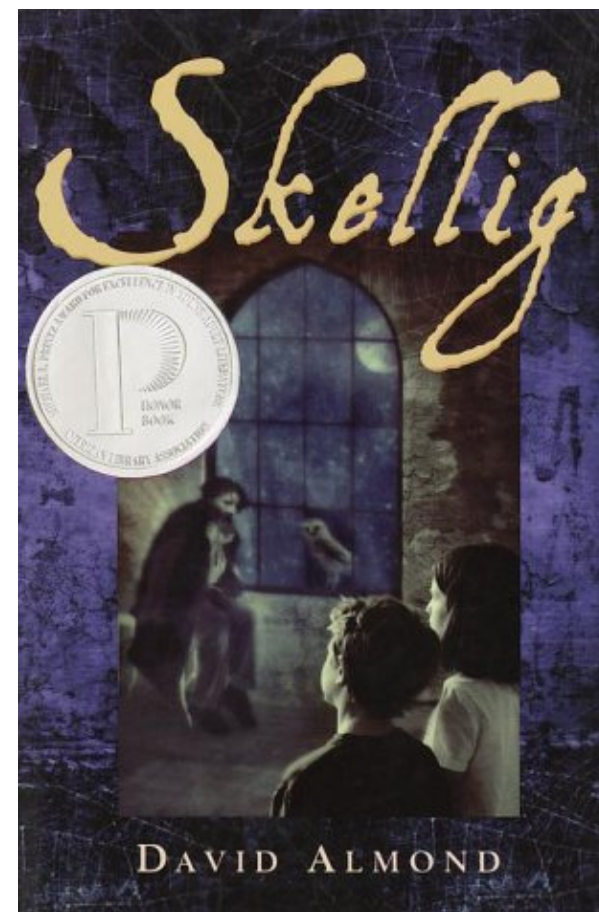
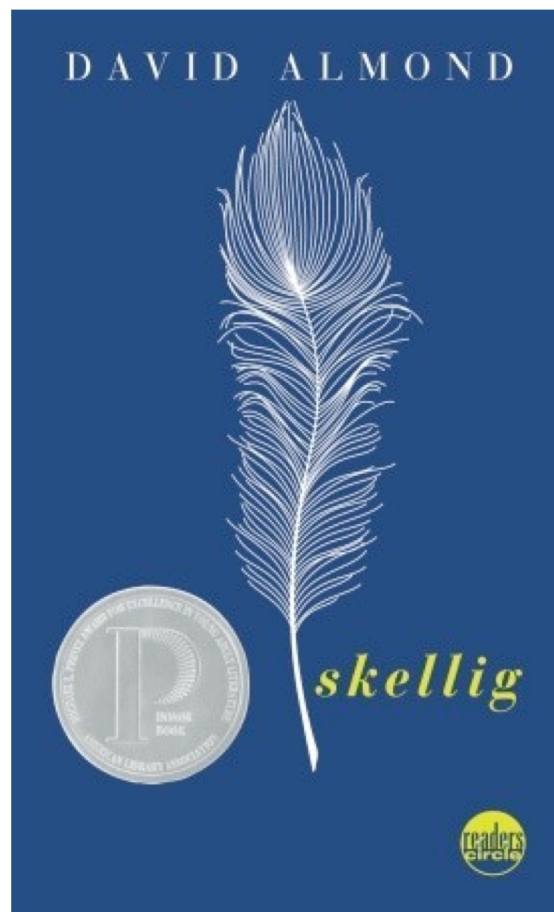
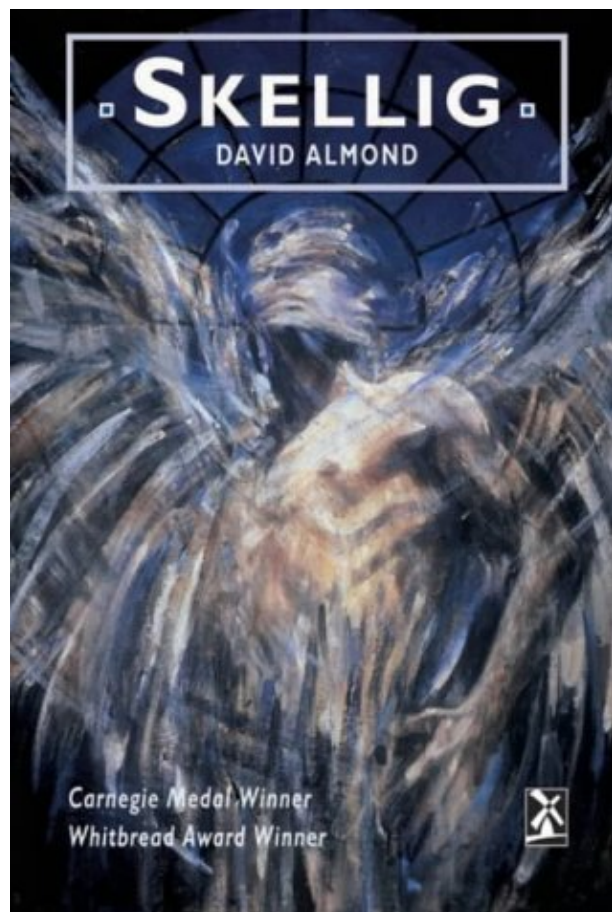
Have you heard of the phrase:
'don't judge a book by its cover'?

It means you cannot know what something or someone is like by looking only at their appearance.

However, with books, we can often find *clues* to the story from its cover.

Judging a book by its cover

Can you find any **clues** about Skellig in these covers?



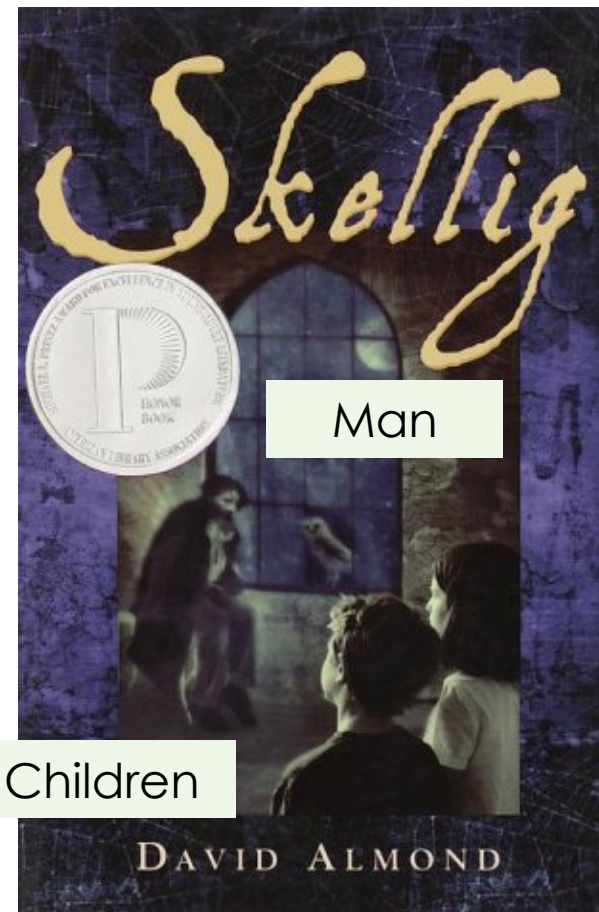
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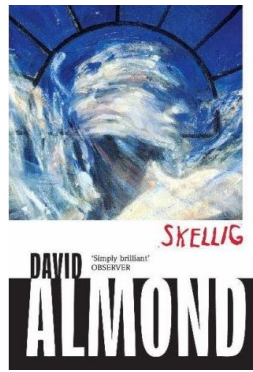


Feathers

Creature



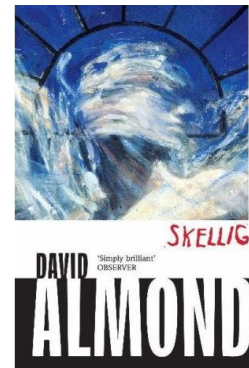
Your initial response



Thinking about the front covers, what do you think the story might be about?

The blurb on the back of the book can help to confirm whether our initial predictions were accurate.

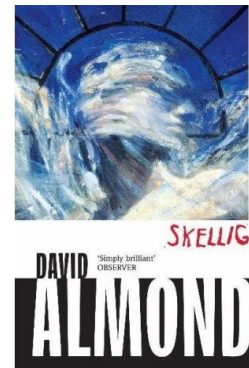
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Blurb on the back:

Michael steps into the crumbling garage. What is this thing beneath the spiders' webs and dead flies? A human being, or a strange kind of beast never seen before? The only person Michael can confide in is Mina. Together, they carry the creature out into the light, and Michael's world changes for ever...

Your initial response

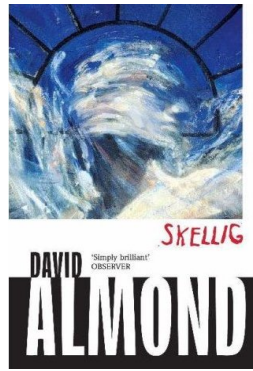


Click on the audio file below to hear Mr Mussell read chapter one.

As he reads, think about:

- Who are the **main characters** in the story?
- How might they be feeling?
- Do you think you are going to **like** or **dislike** this book?

Your task



Write down what you think of this first chapter. Think about the following questions:

- How might **Michael**, his **mum** and his **dad** be feeling?
- Who is the **creature** Michael finds in the garage?
- How might the creature be feeling?
- Why do you think they feel like this?
- Do you ever feel like this?

And finally, do you think you are going to **like** or **dislike** this book? Why?