

# THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET

## -BOOK REVIEW

The book is about Hugo. He lives in the train station, Paris Montparnasse, all alone. His father and uncle are dead, so he has to take care of himself and the clocks in the train station.

### The plot

Hugo has the automaton that his father had before him. Hugo thinks that the automaton is going to write down a message from his father, so Hugo has to fix it. And then he meets Isabelle. Hugo and Isabelle become friends, and Hugo automaton.

Isabelle has a godfather who is named Papa Georges. He works in a toy both at the train station. Papa Georges doesn't like to talk about his past, and he has a big secret...

The plot takes place in the train station Montparnasse, in Paris.

In the book Hugo dreams about a train accident.

The accident actually happened in 1895, and it's called the Montparnasse derailment.

Hugo is an invented person, but the train accident was real. That's why I think the author is writing in a different way. He writes fantasy and reality together. The same about Papa Georges, he is a real person. And Hugo is not real. So the author has written two persons together, one who is real, and one who is fantasy. That is a special way to write a book on...



### The book

The publisher is scholastic press. The author is Brian Selznick. The publication date is January 30, 2007. It is 526 pages, but half of them are pictures. I think the book, the invention of Hugo Cabret, is about true friendship and the meaning of life. The book is exiting and very enigmatic, and the author has a different way of writing. The book is a mixture of reality and fantasy, and that makes it more exiting to read. The



book is almost like a stop motion film. The author has drawn picture for picture. An example is when Hugo goes through the train station, he has drawn a picture of Hugo who is walking. The next picture is Hugo who has walked a little bit longer. When you see the pictures it feels like you are making your own movie in your head.

### **The language**

The language in the book is easy, but some words can be difficult.

I understood most of it, but sometimes I didn't get all of it.

When I was reading on the whiteboard while my teacher was reading it, I understood all of it.

The language can be difficult for others, but if you supplies you understands the book easier. The book, Hugo Cabret, is harder than other books to read, because you have to understand the book in a different way. In other books you can just read, but in this book you have to think. Think about what is going to happen next.

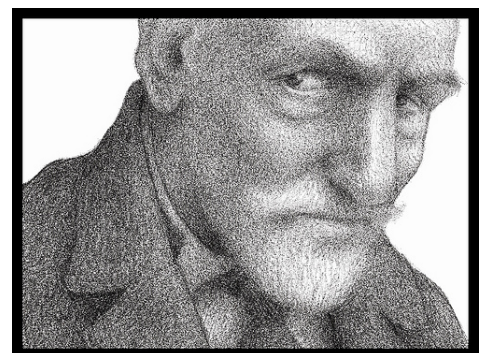
### **In advance**

Before we were reading the book in our class, we got some information. We were watching a website about automatons. That helped me a lot, because in the book they talked about the automaton a lot. We also saw the movie "A trip to the moon". The movie "A trip to the moon" has a lot to do with the plot in the book. We also saw pictures from the train accident, and information of who Papa Georges was. That helped a lot before we were reading the book.

### **The movie**

I liked the book more than the movie, because when you read a book you can make your own pictures, but when you watch a movie you get all the pictures served. And in the movie they don't have all the characters that are in the book.

The movie was exiting, but not as exciting as the book, I think.



### **Metaphors**

Papa Georges is giving us many metaphors in the book. Like when he said "I hate the noise of shoe heels that is walking through the train station". That's because when Papa Georges sold his movies. They just burned them, instead of taking care of them. The movies was

further made to shoe heels, that's why he hate the noise of shoe heels walking through the train station, it's reminds he on the past.

Another example is when he said "You don't want to be followed by ghost". This is another example on that Papa Georges not want to be followed by his past.

### **What I think**

I liked the book. It was exciting and it didn't take so long to read. That's maybe because half of the book is pictures. The author has been thinking in a different way and has brought to life a lot of messages to us. I recommend the book if you like to read!

If you want to find out more about the book, you have to read it!

