

# Lamont Books Standing Order

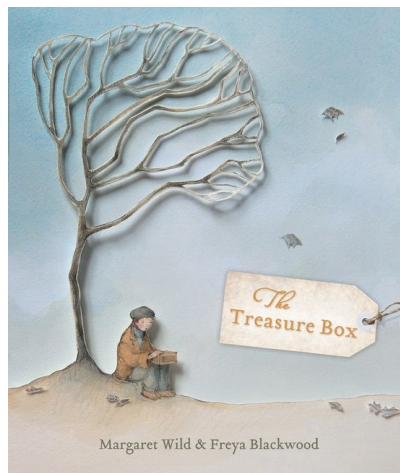
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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## **The Treasure Box**

By Margaret Wild & Illustrated by Freya Blackwood  
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From two of our most talented picture-book creators comes this celebration of things that can't be destroyed by bombs or fire. A haunting and beautiful tale of the power of words, the importance of stories and the resilience of the human spirit.



### Themes:

- Effects of War
- Precious things
- Remembering

### Discussion Points:

- When reading this book, what words would you use to describe the emotions that you felt?
- How do you think Peter and his father felt when they had to leave their home?
- How significant was the Treasure Box and what it contained to Peter's father? Did Peter understand how important it was? How did he show this?
- If you could put a book in a Treasure Box, what would it be and why? How do you think those that might find it in the future would see it?
- Why is it important that books about our life today are kept for future generations? What do you think they could learn from them?
- Peter didn't think they had any treasure, because they didn't have rubies, silver or gold. Think about things in your life. What are your 'treasures'?
- How do the illustrations in this book help convey a message?

### Activities:

- Write a letter to yourself about your life at this point in time. Include things such as what you like to do, who your friends are, what TV shows you like, what computer games you play, where you live and how you feel about life.
- Make your own 'treasure box'. Place inside it things that are special to you, including the letter that you wrote. You may decide to keep it somewhere safe in your room.