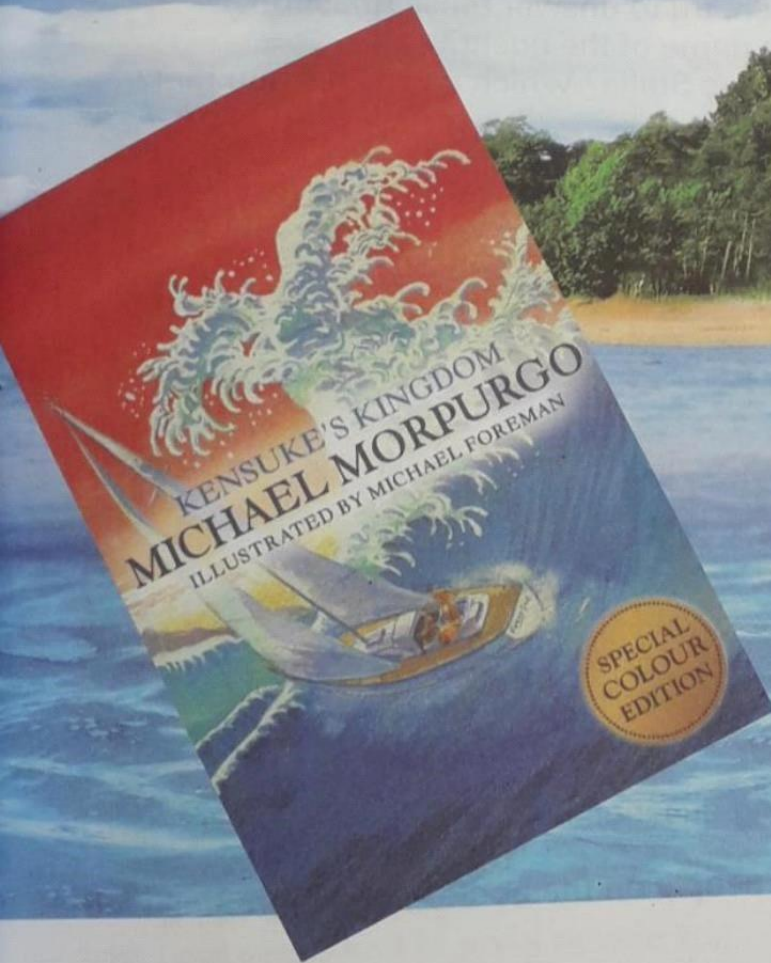


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Across the sea



Reading passages

In this theme:

- **Listen and speak:** listen to and discuss extracts from a novel.
- **Read:** read a novel and a book review.
- **Write:** write a book review.
- **Language:** practise using finite and infinitive verbs; present, past and future continuous tenses; dictionary use.

Starting off

Novels are books that contain a made-up story. Novels have a storyteller, characters, a plot and a setting.

1. What kinds of novels do you like – mysteries, fantasies, stories about animals, science fiction, or historical novels?
2. What is the best novel you have ever read?
3. Look at the cover of the novel above, and the background photograph. What do you think this novel is about?