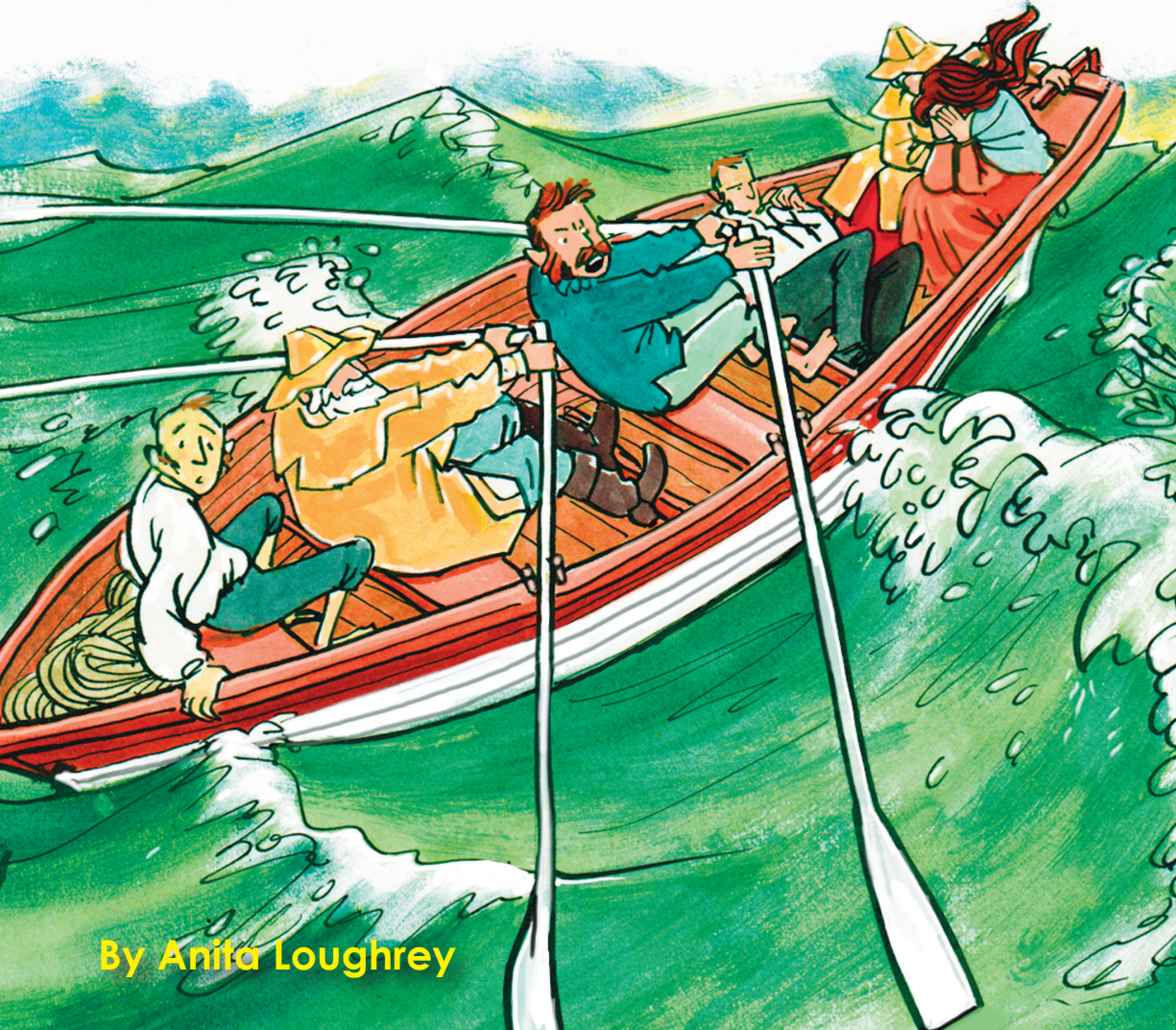


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Grace woke with a jolt. It was the early hours of the morning of September 7th, 1838. The wind was rattling the windows and waves crashed into the walls of Longstone lighthouse, where she lived.



Grace pulled the covers over her head to block out the noise. She tossed and turned, but it was no good. She watched the gale rampaging around the lighthouse from her bedroom window.

“I’ll never be able to sleep during this storm,” she thought to herself.

Grace got dressed and climbed the spiral staircase up to where her dad was on watch.

“Why don’t you go to bed? I’ll finish the watch tonight,” Grace said.

“OK, Grace, but if anything happens, be sure to wake me,” Dad said.



Grace stared out at the violent sea for hours. Shadows loomed over the rocky island they called Big Harcar Rock. Was it a ship?

Then she recognised the outline of a big paddle wheel.

“Dad! Wake up! A steamship has been wrecked on Big Harcar,” she yelled.

Her dad jumped out of bed and pulled on his trousers. He grabbed his telescope.

“I think it’s the SS *Forfarshire*, which was travelling from Hull to Dundee. It would have been loaded with passengers,” he said.

They scanned the rocks for survivors, unable to give up hope.



“It’s seven in the morning. If anyone survived you would have seen them by now,” Mum said.

Mum was right. All the crew and passengers must be dead. Grace took one last look.

“Dad! I think I saw someone,” she yelled.



Her dad looked again with the telescope. He saw a man waving. Then another man scrambled up on to the rocks.

“We must save them,” he said.



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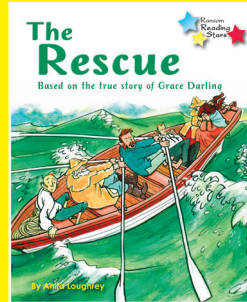
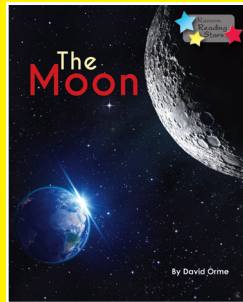
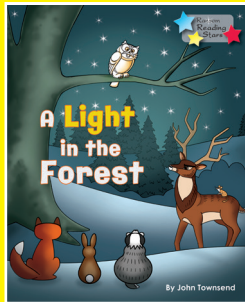
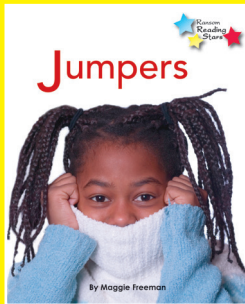
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Even today, Grace's story remains a powerful reminder of the brave people who rescue those in peril on the sea.



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