



***Edge of the World* – Ian Trevaskis**

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Fisherman Toby McPhee lives in a remote, coastal village. Winter snow coats the houses and howling winds whip the waves against the breakwater.

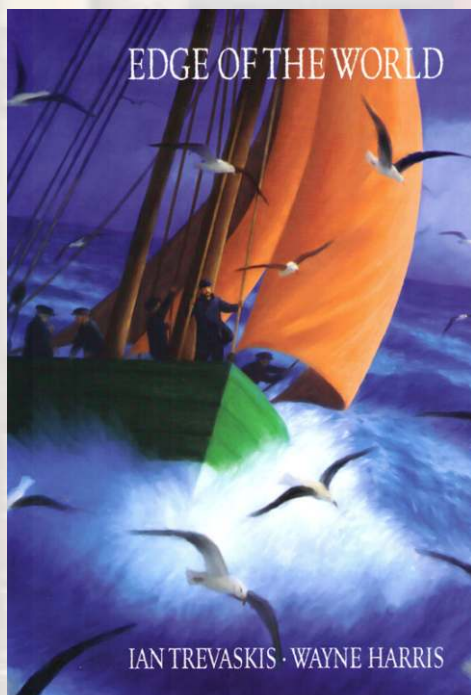
The unsmiling people are cloaked against more than the bad weather, they seem to carry a burden that blankets the village. The fishing families rely on the bounty of the sea and they share a common bond in recognising the potential dangers.

Toby is grieving the loss of loved ones and he sails to the edge of the world. At the dawn of a new day he finds some comfort and solace.

Artist Wayne Harris captures the close community life in the fishing village. He shows people going about their daily lives yet they keep a watch out to sea. Toby stands apart from the others and shades of blue in the early pages match his solemn mood. When light and colour slowly re-enter his life, the villagers welcome the change. Vivid splashes of colour illuminate the seaside town and bring joy to everyone.

A reflective story that explores the journey through grief. Useful for shared discussions.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett



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