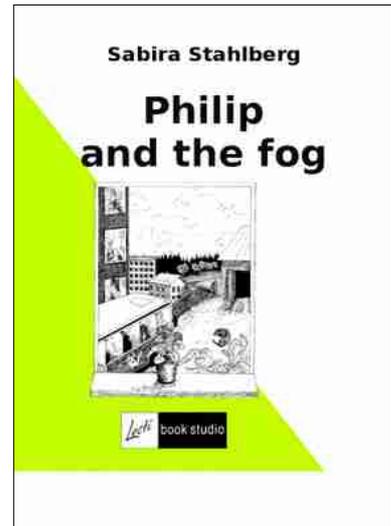


Philip and the fog

Philip and the fog tells about how dementia progresses and how the person (Philip's grandmother) and the surroundings (the family) reacts to the changed situation.

At the same time the book is about the sadness and disappointment to see a healthy, strong relative become a hospital patient. "The Fog" is the illness, the unknown, the diffuse world into which Philip's grandmother disappears.



Discussion:

Which thoughts did the story awaken in you?

What would you do in Philip's situation?

What happens to Philip's grandmother? Explain.

What are the reasons Philip's mother and aunt have for not wanting and not being able to understand what is happening?

Do you know someone suffering from dementia or have you met someone with a memory failure? Explain what happened.

What should you do, when you notice that somebody starts to forget?

What is dementia? Where is the borderline to normal forgetfulness?

Did Philip's uncle and mother make the right decision? Why (not)?

Tasks: Write a story about one of the pictures in the book.

Write a story what kind of person you are or wish to be after thirty or fifty years.

Philip and the fog: reading comprehension

Philip is aware of his surroundings and notices things that happen around him. He can see that Grandma has changed after Grandpa's death.

1. She dresses carelessly
2. She calls many times to tell the same thing
3. She forgets her jewellery even when she is going to a party
4. All alternatives above

Philip is invited to tea by Grandma. But a small accident occurs.

1. Grandma mixes in too much honey
2. Grandma burns a casserole
3. Grandma faints
4. Grandma drops the teapot on the floor

Philip is accused of stealing money from Grandma.

1. Mum believes in Philip
2. Dad trusts Philip
3. Uncle Alfred trusts Philip
4. Aunt Kate trusts Philip

Grandma has disappeared. Philip is looking for her.

In the shop he hears that:

1. She has bought ice-cream
2. She has gone home
3. She was seen walking towards the city centre
4. She was seen taking the bus

The search of Grandma is difficult because of:

1. Fog and twilight
2. Rain
3. Storm
4. Thunder and rain pouring down

Philip finds Grandma:

1. In the shop
2. By her old home
3. At the bus stop
4. In Philip's home



Aunt Kate demands a lot of others, but will not participate herself.

She requires that

1. Grandma's home should be cleaned
2. Grandma is taken to a medical doctor
3. Uncle Alfred takes care of Grandma
4. Grandma should take here medicines

Uncle Alfred suggests that Grandma:

1. Should be moved to a nursing home
2. Moves back to her old home
3. Moves in with Philip's family
4. Moves in with Uncle Alfred

Grandma's health becomes worse, despite all Philip's family efforts.

1. Grandma believes someone wants to hurt her
2. Grandma is just watching TV
3. Grandma has no strength to cook a meal any more
4. Grandma forgets sometimes who Philip is
5. All alternatives above

Philip can't cope with school because of Grandma's situation.

1. Philip does not like school
2. Philip does not sleep enough
3. Philip can't concentrate
4. Philip talks only with Greg during lessons
5. Philip has no time to do his homework
6. Philip can't study for exams

Philip finds Grandma on the floor, unconscious.

1. He calls the ambulance
2. He talks with Dad
3. He sends a SMS to Mum
4. He calls Uncle Alfred

Grandma moves to a nursing home.

1. Uncle Alfred is satisfied
2. Aunt Kate is satisfied
3. The doctor is satisfied
4. Philip is satisfied



Philip and the fog: explain words

special
mint
climate
worried
admire
psyche
walnut
engineer
chemist
chaos
cutlery
pension
traitor
insist, lately
past time, stretch
priority
twilight
muddled, nonsense
point out
indifferent
seminar, corridor
private
activity, social system
upset, stressed
angry, refuse
burn-out, gallery
irritated
unconscious
arrive
safety
lack
psychic problems
massage
make a face
accept
dementia
guarantee

