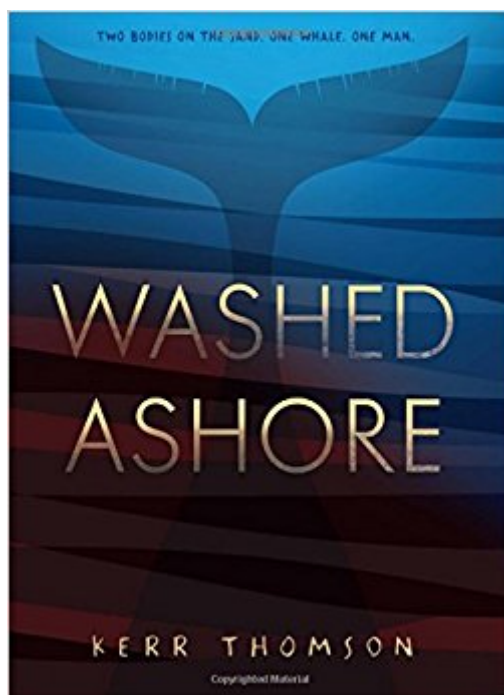


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# Washed Ashore



## Synopsis

On a wild Scottish island, a tragedy washes up on the storm-beaten shore: the bodies of a whale and a man. Fraser, desperate for adventure, and Hayley, visiting from Texas, become tangled in the mystery. But Fraser's younger brother Dunny is distraught by the discovery. He hasn't spoken in years, and lately he's been acting more strangely than ever. Together, the three meet a man living in the abandoned caves nearby. They start to wonder if he might lie at the center of something darker than they had previously thought. For the whispering sea conceals a terrible secret, and to discover the truth, one of them must learn to listen...

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Kerr Thomson is a high school geography teacher. In his infrequent spare time he writes, cycles, and runs an occasional half-marathon. *Washed Ashore* was winner of the Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition in the United Kingdom and is his publishing debut. He lives in Scotland with his family.

Kerr Thomson's "Washed Ashore" tells the tale of intrigue on a remote Scottish island. While the book does start in the middle of a terrible storm, the aftermath will compel you to keep reading. Did Fraser Dunbar really hear voices crying for help amidst the rising swells and the crashing waves? Why and how did a whale get killed and wash ashore of this ghost isle? Who was the man who washed ashore and why is one hiding in the caves? These are mysteries to be solved, but more pressing matters seem to be Fraser's desire to be recognized by the newcomer and whale scientist, Ben McCraig, to ditch the rude American girl who arrived from Texas with her mother, and to stop being blamed for everything that his brother Dunny does. The story hits a crescendo when Dunny steals McCraig's dinghy to go into the stormy waters to get a closer look at a pod of whales they had seen the night before. What follows is a story of instinct, survival, and bravery, and our main character is never the same after that. He learns the hard truths about who to trust, as well as about how very wrong you can be about someone. Thomson's "Washed Ashore" won't give you immediate answers, but it will keep you guessing right until the very end when you find yourself wondering, "Did he make it?"

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