

Clockwork

by Phillip Pullman

Philip Pullman one of the most acclaimed writers working today.

He is best known for the His Dark Materials trilogy (Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass). He has also won many distinguished prizes.

Vocabulary

Pendulum — A swinging weight

Oscillating — Fluctuating/wavering

Tavern — An inn/pub

Sentry — The guard/patrol

Dynasty — The family/house

Malice — Hatred/Spite

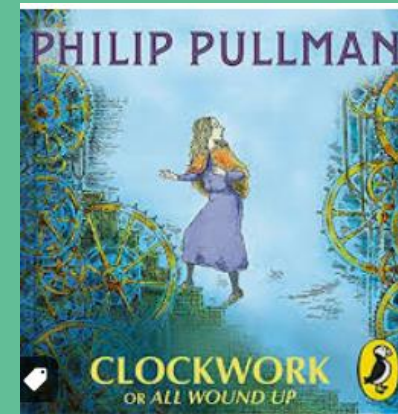
The story is set in 'the olden days' in the small German town of Glockenheim. There are three main characters, Karl — an apprentice clockmaker; Gretl — the kindly daughter of a local innkeeper; and Fritz, a local writer.

Karl is the first clockmaker's apprentice in memory who hasn't completed a new figure for the town's clock. The night before the grand unveiling of the figure, (which will not happen now) the townspeople gather in the local inn to listen to Fritz tell them stories. The stories begin to come true and this scares many of the townspeople as evil descends on the town. The story twists and turns through time with Karl and Gretl at its centre.

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As one of Germany's most celebrated holiday destinations, Glockenheim is well known for its breathtaking scenery and stunning architecture. Whilst a visit to this splendid town is encouraged at any time of year, the discerning traveler will be well aware that a mid-winter visit is the perfect time to come: coinciding with the greatest annual unveiling in Europe. Towering above the streets, taverns and busy marketplace is the Glockenheim clock: a marvel of intricate mechanical engineering. Each year a new mechanical figure is added to the magnificent clock with great ceremony. All visitors to Glockenheim are welcome to witness the reveal and may even have the opportunity of meeting the distinguished clockmaker!

