

orphan train

Orphan Train by Christina is telling two stories that come together as one. One story is about a troubled & orphaned 17 year old named Molly Ayer. She steals a book from the library & has to do community service. The other story is the life of a young girl named Vivian, from Ireland, who came to America. She lost her family to a fire and was put on the "Orphan Train". And now ninety-one year-old Vivian Daly and Molly meet and form a bond and that changes them for the best.

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Twin Linear Plot Sequence

What's this element?

The author is using a twin linear form of plot sequence to tell separate stories of two individual women at the same time. Vivian is an elderly woman who was on the orphan train. While, Molly is a 17 year old orphan whose mother is in jail. As a result, the stories are in different states and decades.

Why does it matter?

This element is important because it is the structure that the book was written on. The 2 stories appear to have nothing in common but, with the author's use of this element she is able to make the stories connect and make sense to the reader. They begin to overlap around page 89, when Molly goes to Vivian's house to do her community service hours. From this point Vivian & Molly form a bond and we get a chance to go deeper in Vivian's childhood.

What's the impact on the reader?

When the reader first encounters this new story structure, it can be very confusing. This is because the stories seem to have nothing to do with each other. But, if the reader is patient they are rewarded when the connection is finally made by the author. This realization will make the reader feel special like they discovered something new.

Adjectives

What's this element?

Adjectives are words used to describe a noun.

Why does it matter?

This stylistic choice affects the whole book because...

What's the impact on the reader?

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Chapter Organization

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Non-Linear Narration is when...

An example of when the author does this is when...

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