

# Bookfolio for **A Stranger Came Ashore**

Author: [Mollie Hunter](#)

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Recommended for: [Grades 4-6](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Fantasy](#)

**Story Summary:** Mollie Hunter's A STRANGER CAME ASHORE pits Robbie Henderson in a fight for his sister Elspeth's life against Finn Learson, a young sailor who has come ashore after a shipwreck on a stormy night. Only twenty-year-old Robbie Henderson senses the evil and mystery about Finn. When Old Da tells Robbie of the legend of the Great Selkie, he realizes that Finn, who is courting Robbie's sister, is really the Selkie disguised as a human. Robbie employs the aid of the local teacher and wizard, Yarl Corbie, who uses earth magic against water magic in the struggle to rescue Elspeth from the Selkie. On the winter holiday of Up Helly Aa, Nicol Anderson, Elspeth's earnest suitor, with all the power of earth, fights Finn Learson with all the power of the sea in a seemingly losing battle until Robbie tells Finn Learson that he has his selkie skin. Robbie leads his enemy to a trap in which Yarl Corbie, in the shape of a raven, blinds Finn Learson in one eye so that he can never attract beautiful young girls to the deep again.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** Chapter 4, "...and Dancing and Gold."

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:  
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

A Stranger Came Ashore - Independent Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">Wandering into the Past</a> (Distinguishing fact from fiction)	W
2. <a href="#">The Great Selkie Treasure Hunt</a> (Writing descriptive paragraphs)	S , W
3. <a href="#">The Shetlands</a> (Writing a report)	D , S , W
4. <a href="#">The Northern Lights</a> (Researching a topic)	S , W
5. <a href="#">A Diorama of the Rescue</a> (Making a diorama)	D
6. <a href="#">Two Characters in One</a> (Illustrating story characters)	D
A Stranger Came Ashore - Group Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">The Press Gang Encounter</a> (Presenting a skit)	S
2. <a href="#">Create A Scary Story</a> (Telling a story)	S , W
3. <a href="#">"Reading" Riddles</a> (Writing riddles)	S , W
4. <a href="#">The Great Debate</a> (Conducting a debate)	L , S
5. <a href="#">Guises Guessing</a> (Pantomiming characters)	L , S
6. <a href="#">"Let's Talk About..."</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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