

PIG HEART BOY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Name of book:	Pig Heart Boy
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QUOTES	
•	“So here I was, just me and my heart, where every beat was like the tick, tick, ticking of a clock counting down my life.”
•	“Just a pig ... People always used that argument whenever they wanted to use and abuse animals – or even other people.”
•	“And then, what can only be described as a flood of people came rushing towards us. I shrank back in my seat, terrified.”

DISCUSSION POINTS	
•	What are your own beliefs?
•	Can medicine take things ‘too far’?
•	How do religions view this issue?

VOCABULARY		
assumption	something accepted as true/certain to happen, without proof	
preamble	an introductory statement often stating purpose and aims	
transgenics	biology concerned with the transferring of genes	
transplant	move or transfer something to another place	
mortified	cause someone to feel embarrassed or ashamed	
earnest	resulting from or showing to be sincere or serious	
rejection	when the body's immune system attacks transplanted cells, tissues or organs	
sow	an adult female pig	
DNA	hereditary material in humans and almost all other organisms	

VOCABULARY		
appendectomy	an operation which removes the appendix	
vegan	someone who does not eat meat or dairy food	
sumptuous	splendid, expensive-looking or delicious (food)	
scandalized	to be shocked or horrified by someone's immoral behaviour	
precaution	action taken in advance to stop something bad happening	
brusquely	abrupt, curt or blunt manner in speech	
E.C.G.	electrocardiograms which detect electrical signals from the heart	
Frankenstein	a doctor from an old novel who was a 'mad scientist' and created a monster	
immoral	not conforming to accepted standards of morality	
publicity	attention given to someone/something by the media	

