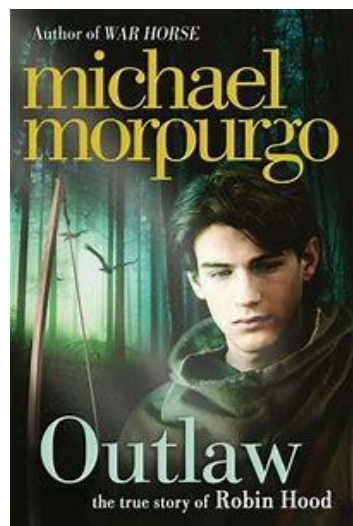


# Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo - Knowledge Organiser



Key Characters	
Robin Hood	The main protagonist - leader of the Outlaws who fights back against the Sheriff of Nottingham.
Marion	Outlaw who has a child, Little Martin, Robin.
Sheriff of Nottingham	The main antagonist in the legend of Robin Hood. He is generally depicted as an unjust tyrant who mistreats the local people.
Sir Guy of Gisbourne	Works with the Sheriff to try and destroy Robin Hood and the Outlaws.
Little John	A friend of Robin Hood.
Friar Tuck	Kind-hearted priest and friend to Robin Hood and the Outlaws.
Will Scarlett	A friend of Robin Hood.

Key Vocabulary:	
Outlaw	An outlaw is a person who is "outside the law" usually because they have committed serious crimes.
Wretched	Very unfortunate in condition or circumstances; miserable; pitiable. characterized by or attended with misery and sorrow.
Prejudice	Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.
Biased	Unfairly prejudiced for or against someone or something.
Crusades	A Christian holy war.
Bowman	An archer.
Quiver	A case for carrying or holding arrows.
Oppressors	People who use power in a cruel or unjust way.
Defiant	Someone or something that resists behaving or conforming to what is asked or expected.
Justice	Helps us figure out what is fair, what is right and what is wrong.

## Key Information:

**Plot:** Following a big storm, a young boy in the present sets out to check on the survival of his favourite tree. When he finds a mysterious skull he is swept back into the past - right into the world of Robin Hood and his merry band of outlaws. Robin and his men fight for justice for the oppressed against the tyrannical Sheriff of Nottingham. He becomes a fugitive in an act of revenge against the Sheriff for capturing his father and blinding him.

**Setting:** Sherwood Forest during the Medieval times.

**Themes:** Justice, poverty, courage, resilience and friendship.

## Context:

During the Medieval Times, there was no democracy so the law could be biased. In each place, there would be a man chosen to rule. Punishments were often very severe, however ordinary people such as peasants accepted the rules in order to be protected against invaders and rival kingdoms.

## Blurb:

*"Tell everyone in Nottingham, that the Outlaws rule here in Sherwood, that we rule in the king's name... I am Robin Hood."*

Lost in a dark, strange forest, Robin is rescued by a crew of misfits. He yearns to seek justice against his cruel oppressors, to finally defeat the Sheriff of Nottingham, once and for all. After a fierce storm, a boy of today discovers a human skull, buried beneath the roots of an ancient tree. A skull with a legendary past: the heroic story of Robin Hood.

## Key Quotes:

- *'Tell everyone in Nottingham, that the Outlaws rule here in Sherwood, that we rule in the king's name.'*
- *'...Pray you never see an outlaw. If you do, run for your life.'*
- *'For what the sheriff has done to you, to mother, and to these good people, he must be punished.'*