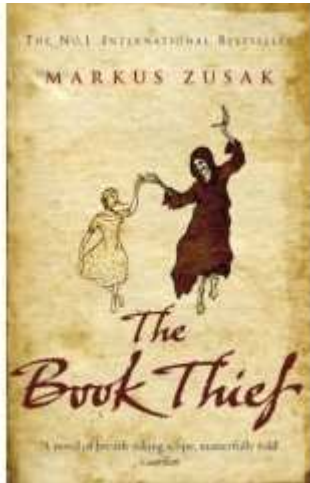


The Book Thief by Markus Zusak



Set during the Second World War in the dark days of the Third Reich and narrated by Death himself The Book Thief is the story of nine year old Liesel Merminger. Liesel living with her foster family – her own parents have been transported to a concentration camp, - ekes out a meagre life for herself by stealing something she can't resist – books. With the aid of her foster father she learns to read and shares her stolen library with the Jewish man hiding under the floorboards of her foster family's house. Despite its grim subject matter, the Book Thief is a life-affirming book, celebrating the power of words to provide sustenance to the soul.