

① Stone Cold Essay -

In the novel 'Stone Cold' by Robert Swindells the main theme is homelessness. The novel is about homeless boy, Link, who lives on the streets of London, but Shelter is trying to clear the streets of "dossers" by killing them off. In this essay I will look at how the author presents the theme, homelessness, making the reader consider an aspect of human society/nature, using various writing techniques such as setting, characterisation, narrative structure, key incidents and the message the book carries.

~~There~~ One way that the author explores the theme of homelessness is through setting. Link lives on the streets of London during the winter. "It snowed everyday so the pavements were thick with slush, and nothing gets inside a pair of trainers like slush can... but we were constantly wet and freezing." The author uses words like "slush" and "freezing" to emphasise the awful conditions that Link is constantly exposed to throughout the winter. It makes the reader consider how ~~are~~ terrible homeless peoples' living conditions are and how unfair it is that some people are sleeping on the streets while others have warm houses, even though we are all part of the same society. Using setting the author presents the theme of homelessness successfully.