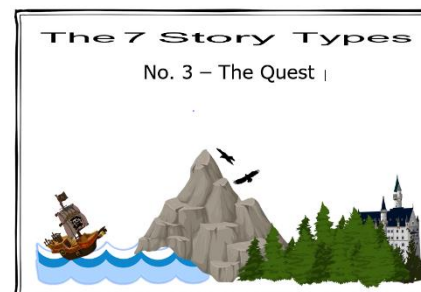# Art by Tony Ross (taken from a collection of short stories called 'A word in your ear')

The book was written in 2014; the stories were inspired by Tony's memories from his wartime childhood and throughout his eventful life

Key Vocabulary	Definition
salvaged	Rescued from being lost at sea, saved.
bygone	Belonging to an earlier time.
Cultivated (garden)	A garden that has been looked after.
glinted	Give out or reflect small flashed of light.
hideous	Extremely ugly or unpleasant.
clipper ship	Classic sailing ship of the 19th century.
apparition	A ghost or ghostlike image of a person.
cove	A small type of bay or coastal inlet.
harbour	A sheltered place where boats can be kept safely.
exhibition	An organised display of a selection of items.
forsaking	To abandon or leave.

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Tony's stories are brimful of spooky encounters and quirky moments, sure to have readers laughing one moment, and hiding under the covers the next!

Key Grammar	
Relative clauses	Begins with a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, that or which) and adds more information about the noun.
Expanded noun phrases	Additional information that describes the noun in a sentence e.g. '... and the walls inside were rough with old beams that had been salvaged from a bygone sailing ship.'
Independent clause	A group of words that form a complete sentence (idea) on their own – will contain a subject and verb.
Semi colon	Punctuation that can be used to separate two independent clauses in a sentence.
Colon	Punctuation that can be used to separate two independent clauses in a sentence – often used in place of the word 'because'.

Characters	
Name unknown	Main character – gender unknown. Not happy about having to move away from London. Intrigued by ghostly character and the message he's trying to deliver.
Mum	A hairdresser who has moved from London to Cornwall to start a new life. Doesn't believe that there is a ghost until she sees what he's come to show them.
Captain Vasey	Captain of the clipper ship called 'Rowena'. Drowned at sea with all of his crew in the dreadful storm of 1859.

Other information	
Plot	A mother and child move to the country and renovate an old cottage. A ghostly visitor leads them to a startling discovery! A mixture of history, art and determination leads to a happy conclusion for all!
Setting	The story is in a coastal town in Cornwall. The family move to 'Turks Head Cottage' which is on top of a cliff on the outskirts of town.