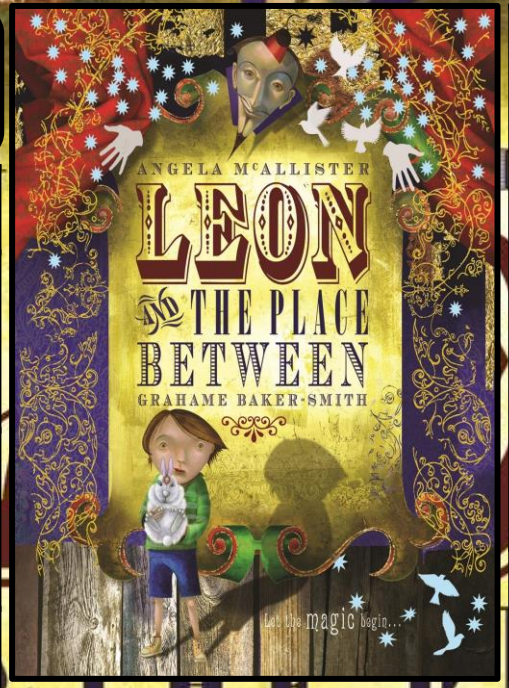
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Characters

Leon	an extremely inquisitive, astute young man who has a lucky adventure.
Abdul Kazam	a creepily charismatic, cunning circus magician with expressive eyes.
the boy	an oddly unique magician's assistant with chiselled cheek bones

Circus Jobs

tightrope walker	fire eaters
sword swallowers	acrobats
fortune teller	jugglers
plate spinner	unicyclist
ring master	clowns
face painter	magician







Plot

Wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world.
Filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants – among other things – if a magician can make it disappear, it will end up in the Place Between!
When Leon returns, not only do his brothers and sister believe, but we do too.

Themes/Morals

magic, wonder, belief, fantasy, circus

Story Structure

Once upon a time there was:	a boy called Leon, who went to the circus with non-believers of magic
Every day:	they would watch different, magical performances
Until one day:	Leon was chosen to participate
Because of this:	he stepped into a box.
Because of that:	he went to a place between.
Until finally:	he returned and proved magic was real.

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coordinating conjunctions

for	and
nor	but
or	yet

Past tense

was alive	was amazed
was playing	were flying
was leaping	were gone

Sentence Openers to Persuasive

Openings	Make your point	Conclusion
For this reason ... I feel that... I am sure that... It is certain... I am writing to... Of course... In the same way... On the other hand... In this situation... I think...	Firstly, secondly, thirdly... Furthermore... In addition... Also... Finally... Again... Moreover... Similarly... Surely... Certainly... Specifically... because...	My last point is ... My final point is ... Finally, In conclusion, In summary, To conclude I would like to say ...

Pronouns

1st person	I, we
2nd person	you
3rd person	he, she, it, they

Fronted Adverbials

Outside in the night	In the darkness
With a ripple of gold braid	For a moment,





verbs

juggling	balancing	luck
watch	revel	thrill
immerse	imagine	wonder
fortune	amuse	gasp
marvel	exclaim	come



Superlative Adjectives

greatest
finest
biggest
scariest
loveliest
cheapest
most perfect
most thrilling
most beautiful
most attractive
most wonderful
most reasonable
most spectacular

Adverbials Phrases

Adverbials Phrases	forward in the dark	tumbled on to the stage

Imperative verbs

explore	enjoy	pay
discover	marvel	clap
watch	visit	queue
participate	buy	cheer
applause	laugh	listen

Rhetorical Questions

Have you ever wondered...?
Ever wondered...?
Why not try...?
Why not visit...?
Want a great day out?
Fancy something a bit different?
Or why not...?
Are you a thrill seeker?
Want an adventure?
Do you ever think...?
Have you considered...?



Nouns

magic	tricks	lanterns
big top	tambourine	skittles
spotlight	carousel	pantaloon
barrel organ	diablo	ribbon
stilts	tightrope	unicycle
skittles	plate spinning	hoops
sawdust	music	amusement
hotdogs	ice-cream	candy floss
games	fireworks	popcorn