



Mrs Smith was lost in a book.

She loved stories.

She loved books.

She would love nothing more than sitting on her balcony on a balmy, English summer evening reading. Today, she was lost in a mystical adventure book called *The Subtle Knife*. This is the second book in a trilogy, called *His Dark Materials* by Philip Pullman. It's not a very big book, maybe just over 300 pages. But it is complex. There are many characters and different worlds to keep track of and it requires Mrs Smith to focus. It's not the sort of book you can pick up and down easily, it's more the kind of book you read in chunks when you get time. The trilogy was recommended to Mrs Smith as a modern 'classic' with it being compared to *The Lord of the Rings*.

The trilogy follows a young girl called Lyra through three parallel worlds. Through her adventures, which can be very challenging, Lyra is learning about what she is capable of. She is a very likable character with quite a bit of wit and a bit of 'sass'.

It's the perfect sort of book for other 'bookworms' who love getting into a chunky sets of books or for those who love epic fantasy adventures. Mrs Smith would expect other readers who like Harry Potter, *Ikabog*, Cressida Cowell, Abi Elphinstone, *The Midnight Guardians* by Ross Montgomery, *The Brightstorm* series by Vashti Hardy to enjoy this trilogy.