

**Chapter 1 : STEP BY WICKED STEP (OVERVIEW) | LEELA'S ESL BUGGY**

*Step By Wicked Step is a children's novel by Anne Fine, first published in 1987. In the novel five unrelated children talk about their difficulties with their parents' being separated and with their stepfamilies.*

Read and Weep Chapter 1 It is raining. Plumley and five pupil from Stagfire School are going to a haunted house in a minibus. When they reach Creepsville, they think it is haunted. The last group tells tales of strange shadows and footsteps and eerie figures in white gown melting through the walls. There are no lights and Mr. Plumley is horrified to settle the pupils in pitch dark. They go upstairs as they pass by oil painted portraits of Harwicks of all ages staring at them. As it is a rainy night, Pixie preferred safety in numbers. Plumley does not know the rule. He tells the pupils to settle in while he goes to look for the housekeeper. Robbo decides to explore two or three more stairs. He finds two more beds and a bathroom. The boys take the present room meanwhile Claudia and Pixie take the other. Colin points at the wall. He insists there is a door on the wall. When there is lightning, all of them see the wall papered door meeting the wall papered wall. As they enter the room, cobwebs indicate no one has been there. A tower off a tower. The shelf, desk and chair are filled with dust. Claudia sees a wooden cow balancing on three legs. She strokes its nose. Suddenly, she hears a soft sound behind her. Robbo sets a globe of the world to spin on its axis. By looking around, they came to a conclusion that the last child who slept in it came from a rich family. Claudia notices a dusty green album in spidery writing on the cover. Richard Clayton Harwick "My Story". They hear the faint rumble of the bus. The other children have arrived. The 5 children rush to their rooms and pretend to be fast asleep. They do not want to miss the chance to read the album. Plumley come to the first tower room, they think that the children are fast asleep due to tiredness. Plumley is puzzled, as nothing seemed to be common in the five. Pixie is a troublemaker. Ralph is quick-witted and hardworking unlike Colin who likes to daydream. She shuts the tower door leaving the five children who have been listening to their conversation. His mother tried her best to coax his father to eat something- but it was of no use. Richard asked George the gardener about his father. Richard calls him Mr Digby. Mr Digby did not answer him but hugged him hard instead. Little Charlotte called out to Richard and told him that Papa wanted to see him. He dashed as fast as he could. He came across Reverend Coldstone but did not stop although he was asked to. The reverend was angry. His mother was waiting at the doorway and reminded him not to cry. His father asked him to be good to his mother and sister. Coldstone consoled his mother. Richard studied at Mordanger school. He hated it there. Now he was home. Charlotte realized that Richard hated his stepfather. Richard accuses that Charlotte had forgotten about their father. Charlotte denied it and advised him not to accuse Mr Coldstone as the murderer when their father died of fever. Nevertheless, Richard had decided to leave the three of them. Richard wrote in his diary that he worked in a ship. Twice his ship stopped at his hometown and he visited his home only to stand like a trespasser. It had been a long time since Richard had been home. He found out that his mother and stepfather had died. Charlotte wrote him a letter. Charlotte married Charles Devere although she did not love him because he had money and was willing to spend it to look for Richard. This would be the only letter from her. However, he dropped by for tea. Her Mum and even Granny had a row with Dad. She missed her Dad so much. The times spent with her Dad kept flooding back. She wanted things back the way they used to be. For the first time, Claudia had a separate Christmas. Later, she was introduced to Stella who was just plain and mousy. Claudia thought her mum was a whole lot better-looking than Stella. Claudia was rude when they went for a walk. Claudia met her Dad off and on. Stella stayed out of it. She only made some light conversation with Claudia like asking about her friends and school. Those moments she would be thinking of her mum doing the house chores. After talking to her friend, Shreela, Claudia stopped blaming Stella. Dad and Stella arranged party for their friends. Claudia was sent there for the day. Politely, she excused herself from the party and stayed in her room. Out of curiosity, Claudia decided to eavesdrop. She sat beside the fern and listen to everything the adults downstairs were talking. The guests spoke about everything except about Mum, Dad, Stella or Claudia. Nobody praised Stella for the food nor even spoke to her. Claudia found that very rude as her Mum was not there. Claudia, unable to stand the treatment Stella was getting, made a grand appearance at the party and

thanked Stella for the beautiful pajamas she had brought for her. Finally, everyone started noticing Stella. As for Claudia and Stella, this was the starting point. Stella would teach Claudia how to quilt, read maps, change electric plugs and how to skate. He has thought of him as his biological father all the while. His dad looks like him. His dad has dark hair with some grey patches around his ears. His dad used to roll his own cigarettes out of tobacco in a tin. His dad walks him to school and back. His dad got him his tea and took him to the park. At the park, he used to swing as high as the bar, he swings back in such a way that his dad would call him "The Bluebird of Happiness. Two friends of his mum came with a van and packed everything. Then they went off. At first, he thought his dad will join them later. Colin was not happy- school mates would snigger when he did not understand things. Mum found a job at a canteen. She would be busy doing household chores when she came home.

Chapter 2 : Step by Wicked Step by Nurul Syafiq on Prezi

*"Step by Wicked Step" is a tale that is both funny and moving. It is the perfect read for any children whose parents have separated, or any child who has to cope with a step-parent or step-family. Even for those who aren't in that situation, the book is an absorbing read that will make you both laugh and cry.*

One stormy night, five stranded schoolchildren uncover the story of Richard Clayton Harwick – a boy who many years ago learned what it was like to have a truly wicked stepfather. But the children have stories of their own step-parents to tell – stories that have warmth and humour, as well as sadness, and a fair share of happy endings. The first book I ever wrote about families not getting on too well was Madame Doubtfire. That was about parents and children after divorce. The book was a success. But for the first time in my life, I started getting letters of complaint from some young readers. But then I thought your ending was a total cop-out. Because I have a stepmother or stepfather, or stepbrother, or whatever, and I shall never, ever get to like him. When mixed families work, they can be just as interesting and strong and steady as any other family. It all seems so doubly unfair. We have five stories on radio. Six in the book. The saddest by far is the old, old story of Richard Clayton Harwick, which the children find in a secret room, written in his old-fashioned curly handwriting in an old journal covered in cobwebs and dust, left untouched for a hundred years. Claudia feels disloyal to her mum whenever she has a good time with her father and his new girlfriend. Colin had someone he thought of as his father, and now he misses him so badly it hurts. I wondered about this. All I know is, it was the hardest book to write. Oh, and do settle down to listen straight away, because Step by Wicked Step starts with a brilliant BBC thunderstorm raging around creepy old Harwick Hall. Have a good read or listen! Anne Fine has also written a message about.

**Chapter 3 : English With Rizal: Novel: Summary of Step by Wicked Step by Anne Fine**

*Step by Wicked Step is my school literature component & to be really honest, this is the second best literature book I've read in my 5 years in high school (the best was The Boscombe Valley Mystery) I really enjoyed it!*

She has written numerous highly acclaimed and prize-winning books for children and adults. Synopsis This novel is a tale that is both funny and moving. Five children are stranded together for the night in a tower of creepy, dark old Harwick Hall. In that stormy night, the children uncover the story of Richard Clayton Harwick which is very disturbing. It is a tale of a boy who of many years ago learned what it was like to have a truly wicked stepfather. It turns out eventually that they all have step parents, some kind, some bad, some just plain wrong and so they tell each other their stories. Claudia feels disloyal to her mum whenever she has a good time with her father and his new girlfriend, Stella. Thus, she is unfriendly towards Stella. He had someone he thought of as his father and now he misses him so badly that it hurts. He has three stepmothers to deal with. All of them are different in their ways. In addition, he has a lot of stepbrothers, stepsisters, half brother and half sisters to accept in his life. Towards the end, we can see that he is anxiously waiting for his little half sister or half brother to be born. Pixie has to deal with two really irritating sisters. She feels that everyone is pretending to be in a happy family when they are actually not. She learns to adapt to the situation. One of her step sisters teaches her mathematics and in return she tells ghost stories. Robbo and his sister, Callie find that their half sister, Dumpa is the problem. Both their Mum and stepfather, Roy keep on arguing. The arguments are mainly due to Callie. Callie never seems to see eye to eye with Roy. Both Mum and Roy are committed with each other just because of Dumpa, their three year old son. Plot The plot of a novel comprises of the series of events that make up the story. Climax " turning point Rising Action " problems and conflicts are revealed Exposition " characters and setting are revealed.

**Chapter 4 : Step By Wicked Step - Chapter 1 | Teacher Nuha's English Blog**

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Dealing with adversities Young children and adults may find difficulties dealing with frustrations, fears and sadness. For example, Claudia realises it is not fair to hate her new stepmother, Stella. Think long enough before making a decision Richard Harwick made a rash decision to run away and that had changed the lives of his stepfather, mother and sister. Sibling rivalry Resentful step-siblings cause burden and hostility in a home. Coping with change All pain eventually heals and that we have the power to change things for the better. Being brave Characters like Claudia and Pixie are brave as they confess to their own rotten behaviour. Dealing with Separation and Divorce It deals with a social phenomenon that many people are experiencing, the idea of a divorce as somehow horrible. Separation and divorce, and the events leading up to them, interrupts the stability and predictability that children need. When they reach Creepsville, they think it is haunted. There are no lights and Mr. Plumley is horrified to settle the pupils in pitch dark. As it is a rainy night, Pixie preferred safety in numbers. Plumley does not know the rule. Robbo decides to explore two or three more stairs. He finds two more beds and a bathroom. The boys take the present room meanwhile Claudia and Pixie take the other. Colin points at the wall. He insists there is a door on the wall. When there is lightning, all of them see the wall papered door meeting the wall papered wall. As they enter the room, cobwebs indicate no one has been there. A tower off a tower. The shelf, desk and chair are filled with dust. She strokes its nose. Suddenly, she hears a soft sound behind her. Robbo sets a globe of the world to spin on its axis. By looking around, they came to a conclusion that the last child who slept in it came from a rich family. Claudia notices a dusty green album in spidery writing on the cover. Richard Clayton Harwick – My Story. They hear the faint rumble of the bus. The other children have arrived. The 5 children rush to their rooms and pretend to be fast asleep. They do not want to miss the chance to read the album. Plumley come to the first tower room, they think that the children are fast asleep due to tiredness. Plumley is puzzled as nothing seemed to be common in the five. Pixie is a trouble maker. She shuts the tower door leaving the five children who have been listening to their conversation. Step By Wicked Step – Chapter 2 The five children are waiting in an old house for the rest of their school group to arrive. His mother tried her best to coax his father to eat something- but it was of no use. Richard asked George the gardener about his father. Richard calls him Mr Digby. Mr Digby did not answer him but hugged him hard instead. Little Charlotte called out to Richard and told him that Papa wanted to see him. He dashed as fast as he could. He came across Reverend Coldstone but did not stop although he was asked to. The reverend was angry. His mother was waiting at the doorway and reminded him not to cry. His father asked him to be good to his mother and sister. At the chapel, Mr. Coldstone consoled his mother. Richard studied at Mordanger school. He hated it there. Now he was home. Charlotte realized that Richard hated his stepfather. Richard accuses that Charlotte had forgotten about their father. Charlotte denied it and advised him not to accuse Mr Coldstone as the murderer when their father died of fever. Nevertheless, Richard had decided to leave the three of them. Richard wrote in his diary that he worked in a ship. Twice his ship stopped at his hometown and he visited his home only to stand like a trespasser. It had been a long time since Richard had been home. He found out that his mother and stepfather had died. Charlotte wrote him a letter. Charlotte married Charles Devere although she did not love him because he had money and was willing to spend it to look for Richard. This would be the only letter from her. However, he dropped by for tea. Her Mum and even Granny had a row with Dad. She missed her Dad so much. The times spent with her Dad kept flooding back. She wanted things back the way they used to be. For the first time, Claudia had a separate Christmas. Later, she was introduced to Stella who was just plain and mousy. Claudia thought her mum was a whole lot better-looking than Stella. Claudia was rude when they went for a walk. Claudia met her Dad off and on. Stella stayed out of it. She only made some light conversation with Claudia like asking about her friends and school. Those moments she would be thinking of her mum doing the house chores. After talking to her friend, Shreela, Claudia stopped blaming Stella. Dad and Stella arranged a party for their friends. Claudia was

sent there for the day. Politely, she excused herself from the party and stayed in her room. Out of curiosity, Claudia decided to eavesdrop. She wore the green pyjamas given by Stella as it was the exact shade of green of the giant fern. She sat beside the fern and listen to everything the adults downstairs were talking. The guests spoke about everything except about Mum, Dad, Stella or Claudia. Nobody praised Stella for the food nor even spoke to her. Claudia found that very rude as her Mum was not there. Claudia, unable to stand the treatment Stella was getting, made a grand appearance at the party and thanked Stella for the beautiful pyjamas she had brought for her. Finally, everyone started noticing Stella. As for Claudia and Stella, this was the starting point. Stella would teach Claudia how to quilt, read maps, change electric plugs and how to skate. He has thought of him as his biological father all the while. His dad looks like him. His dad has dark hair with some grey patches around his ears. His dad used to roll his own cigarettes out of tobacco in a tin. His dad walks him to school and back. His dad got him his tea and took him to the park. At the park, he used to swing as high as the bar, he swings back in such a way that his dad would call him "The Bluebird of Happiness. Two friends of his mum came with a van and packed everything. Then they went off.

### Chapter 5 : Step by Wicked Step: A Novel Book Review

*Step By Wicked Step, written by Anne Fine is the story of five classmates and a boy from long ago. All are the children of blended families. I had the pleasure of.*

### Chapter 6 : Step by Wicked Step by Anne Fine

*Literature Step by Step Wicked Words | 9 Pages One Theme In the novel Step by Wicked Step by Anne Fine, the theme that can be found is surviving divorce and remarriage The first challenge is getting used to complicated living arrangements.*

### Chapter 7 : Step by Wicked Step: A Novel - Anne Fine - Google Books

*Honest portrayal will appeal to kids. Read Common Sense Media's Step by Wicked Step: A Novel review, age rating, and parents guide.*

### Chapter 8 : Anne Fine: Step by Wicked Step

*STEP BY WICKED STEP. ZATI HANANI SMK MERU FORM 5 Novels: SYNOPSIS It is a wild and stormy night when five British school children from Mordanger School arrive ahead of their classmates for a week-long field trip at "haunted" Old Harwick Hall.*

### Chapter 9 : Anne Fine's notes for teachers on Step by Wicked Step

*Step By Wicked Step A character who faces challenges with courage in 'step by Wicked Step' By Anne Fine is Pixie. In the conflict between Pixie and her stepmother Lucy, Pixie quarrels with her stepmother after her stepsister Hetty complains to Lucy about Pixie's semi-silent treatment of her.*