

The Book Thief: Literary Devices

- Allegory
- Alliteration
 - I can be amiable. Agreeable. Affable. (3)
 - ...hunched houses... (43)
 - ...strewn with slosh...(50)
- Allusion
 - ...which she occupied with soldierlike posture (49)
- Assonance
- Foreshadowing
 - I saw the book thief three times. (5)
 - Rudy would soon become Liesel's best friend, and later, her partner and sometimes catalyst in crime. (47)
- Hyperbole
 - Ernst Vogel...was constantly scratching his hair. (42)
- Metaphor
 - A billion or so flavors, none of them quite the same...(4)
 - Not for this metallic little bird. (9)
 - Or till the stars were dragged down again, into the waters of the German sky (45)
- Onomatopoeia
 - Her mouth jittered. (8)
 - She was panting. (10)
- Oxymoron
- Personification
 - The whole globe was dressed in snow. (6)
 - After a small collection of minutes, the smoke exhausted itself. (9)
 - ...and the smiling teddy bear. (10)
 - ... as the graying light arm-wrestled the sky. (11)
 - A bathrobe answered the door. (42)
 - The brass knocker eyed her from the door. (43)
- Pun
- Simile
 - The sky was like soup, boiling and stirring. (12)
 - The children-voices laughing, and the smiles like salt, but decaying fast. (12)
 - ... the boy's spirit was soft and cold, like ice cream. (21)
 - The houses were almost like lepers. (51)