**Discussion ideas for …**

**Desperate Journey by Kathleen Fidler**

* How did you feel when all of the Murrays’ belongings were being flung out of the house? What would you have done if this had been happening to you? Did you think what the factor did was fair?
* After living in the Highlands, what do you think the Murray family’s first impressions of Glasgow were?
* It was hard work in the cotton mills. What do you think of children as young as five working there? Do you think that you could have worked under such conditions?
* Did you understand the words in Scots e.g. worstle, spalpeen? Talk about some of the language used in the story and also other Scots words you know and their meanings.