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Bookshop in 'fairy-tale' tweet



The story...

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quaint – attractive due to being unusual and old-fashioned

quirky – unusual but attractive

forlorn – lonely and sad

weird – strange and unusual, peculiar

Answer this...

Who wants to make a donation to the bookshop?

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Transcript

Once upon a time, there was an old bookshop. But this isn't a fairy tale - it really exists. Where **quaint** meets **quirky**.

But last Tuesday there were no customers. Not one. Which led the shop to put out this **forlorn** tweet. It read: "Tumbleweed... Not a single book sold today. Zero pounds. We think this may be the first time ever."

The message was spotted by best-selling author Neil Gaiman, who retweeted it to his 2.7 million followers. The orders then came flooding in.

John Westwood, The Petersfield Bookshop

Someone from Inverness rung up and said, 'I want to spend £10 - don't care what

the book is, just send it to me. And I'm going to get my friends to do it.' Someone from California wants to donate \$50 and it's just the love for books.

In a shop where **weird** meets words, new customers have been arriving all day.

Customer

A second-hand bookshop, an antiquarian bookshop like this is... it's a treasure trove of amazing things.

With the e-books and Amazon around, independent sellers won't always be busy, but this one, like all the best books, really has captured the imagination.

Did you get it?

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