

BOOK REVIEW

Title & Author:

The Blue Umbrella by Ruskin Bond

Introduction:

I chose The Blue Umbrella because I've always been drawn to Ruskin Bond's style of exploring deep feelings in simple village settings. I was searching for a heartwarming tale with life lessons, I wasn't able to decide a book to choose, after checking out each book, I finalized this book, I got a good impression cause it was written by Ruskin Bond, after going through few pages of the book, got amazed by the writing, then I finalized to choose this book.

Summary :

This story is set in a village of Himachal Pradesh, this story revolves around 2 main characters a young girl named Binya and who exchanges her leopard-claw pendant for a lovely blue umbrella. Other characters are Binya's brother, foreigners, Binya's mother. Binya trades leopard claw pendant with the blue umbrella, The blue umbrella is vibrant, attractive which makes the attention of the village. Ram Bharosa who a trader gets jealous of

the blue umbrella. The shopkeeper greed turns to evil by which villagers become against him.

Analysis & Opinion :

Ruskin's Bond writing stole my heart, the writing is very impressive which you will be in the story. The Binya's character stood out in the story, Binya's character is like humble, honest, no greediness, her character is ideal where we should be admiring Binya. She acts like very innocent, for happiness she may be going to any extent, she wants to see happiness in other's face also. Even shopkeeper felt guilty after realizing his character and comparing it with Binya's character. It's obvious that Binya stood out in the story. When the blue umbrella first captures the attention of the villagers, one of the characters, Binya, says: **"It's beautiful, isn't it?"**.

Personal Connection :

The story touched me deeply and motivated to me to change my behaviour. Binya's ability to forgive and give away something she loved, this realized me that how is my behaviour comparing to the Binya's character. It reminded me that sometimes we need to move on, we must let go and give in gracefully by which it makes us feels happy and others are also feel happy for the thing they desired. Her actions showed that it's always better to see happiness in others face than to carry guilt. I

realized how important it is to look beyond the surface when judging people. The use of everyday characters and emotions made the story feel personal and real although the story is very simple, and I admired how such a short tale could leave such a lasting impact. Readers need to look after the character of Binya. Binya decided to give away the blue umbrella to the shopkeeper.

Conclusion :

I will definitely recommend this book the younger ones and the adult ones learn the morals from the book especially from the Binya's characters and Anyone who enjoys thoughtful, emotional stories will love it. It's a tale that teaches us to value kindness over possessions and forgiveness over pride.