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# Book Review

***Title: Escape from Java and Other Tales Of Danger***

***Author: Ruskin Bond***

## Introduction

I chose this book because I had already read one or two of Ruskin Bond's stories previously in school and I like him. His stories are not very long and complex, and I had already known that this one is danger and escape, so I thought it will be fine. The title also seemed to be cool and interesting. I didn't know that it's a collection of a lot of stories, I thought it's one. I thought it will have something suspense or action type. I didn't know whether I will like it or not but I tried.

## Summary

The book has many short stories, not just one. The main one is Escape from Java, where there is a war and the family tries to run away from that place. Other stories are also full of tension and danger, like tiger attack, strange people, ghosts and stuff like that. One story I remember is about a watchman who fights a tiger with just an axe. It was sad but also brave.

Characters are normal people, not heroes. There are kids, old men, railway workers and travellers. All stories are simple but have some emotion and thrill. Most of them show how even common people can be strong and smart in bad situations. The stories are short but make you think.

## Analysis & Opinion

I really liked the book overall. I didn't get bored anywhere. I like short stories which finish fast but still have meaning. My favourite story was Tiger in the Tunnel, it was little emotional but also very brave. The line where the man says, "I have to protect the line, no matter what," that was really strong.

In another tale, a person told that fear arrives but we should not let it hinder us. That was pleasant. The tales are not frightening like horror films, but rather like real danger. One or two story ending was too quick I think, I wanted to know what happened next.

The vocabulary is very simple, and that was the most attractive thing about it. Ruskin Bond never employs hard words. And he presents the setting in such a manner that we can create an imagination too. These are not merely tales of risk, but of bravery and emotions too.

## Personal Connection

This book taught me not to worry when everything is hard. I am also frightened of little things sometimes, such as speaking in public or being with strangers, but this book taught me we should hold on and not escape. I was over the moon when some of the characters in the stories survived at the end. It also taught me that sometimes danger does teach you something. It is not pleasant to keep going around in circles all the time, we have to confront things. It assisted me in correcting some issues in my life.

## Conclusion

I would highly rate this book. Its not boring and not difficult to read either. Students and individuals who enjoy real kind of stories with action and emotions will enjoy it. Its not fairy tale books with fantasy and all that, its real. I believe its worth reading. I will also advise my friends to read it.