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BOOK REVIEW

Title & Author:

The Puri Mystery (Feluda Series) by Satyajit Ray

INTRODUCTION :

The reason behind choosing this book is the eagerness that I have towards reading detective stories and Feluda's daring adventures are famous for their clever puzzles and captivating storytelling. I jumped into the story with high hopes , expecting gripping scenarios packed with suspense , humour and sharp deductions. Since the writer is Satyajit Ray I was excited to see he connects mysteries vibrantly.

SUMMARY :

The story revolves around characters Feluda, an intelligent and private investigator, along with his cousin Tapeshe (Topshe) and their writer friend Lalmohan Babu. With frequent power cuts and elevated temperatures in Calcutta, they decide to shift to Puri for a little vacation. But this decision takes an unexpected twist when they meet a mysterious man wearing gold, named M.L. Hinorani. Before long, they find themselves involved in a tangled web of theft, deception , and danger. With his keen observation and logical thinking, Feluda unravels the mystery, showcasing why he is considered as one of the smartest detectives in India. The book deals with themes of crime, deception, intelligence , and the unpredictability of life.

ANALYSIS & OPINION :

One of the books's best part is Feluda's brilliant detective skill. His ability to remain calm and composed in tough conditions and to read between the lines makes him the main character. The contrast way of approaching a problem Feluda, Topshe, and Lalmohan Babu adds humour and depth to the story. Lalmohan Babu's unusual behaviour serve as a perfect contrast to Feluda's logical approach.

The story keeps readers engaged . However, at times, the narrative feels little bit predictable ,as experienced fiction readers could anticipate some of twists. Despite this, the story remains interesting due to Ray's storytelling talent.

One particular moment that stood out was when Feluda said, "The City of Joy has been causing us a lot of grief, hasn't it?" This statement while being humorous reflects frustration of characters. Additionally, Topshe observed that Feluda was getting increasingly restless because of lack of cases, working upon a task that he had deep passion in.

Feluda undoubtedly stands out as the most interesting character. His intelligence, composed nature, quick decision making make him the smartest detective. His ability to connect clues and solve the mystery portrays his sharp mind, keeping the readers involved throughout the story.

Overall, the book effectively blends suspense, humour and adventure, making it a delightful read for all categories of people.

PERSONAL CONNECTION :

Reading the book reminded me how important logical thinking and attentiveness are in everyday life. The way Feluda approached problems encouraged me to pay more attention to details around me and somehow the story highlighted how travel can bring sudden surprises, sometimes turning into an unforgettable adventure.

This book was a breath of fresh air, and it certainly hit the nail on the head in terms of suspense and engagement. Feluda's character proved that actions speak louder than words, as his intelligence often outshone the villains without unnecessary bravado.

While reading, I picked up new words and phrases that I had never come across before, which will definitely come in handy in the future. The way Satyajit Ray describes Puri's atmosphere made me feel like I was walking along the beach with the characters.

CONCLUSION :

I would highly recommend this book to mystery lovers and especially those who enjoy detective stories with an Indian flavor. Fans of Sherlock Holmes or Hercule Poirot will find Feluda equally interesting. The book is perfect for anyone who loves interesting mysteries without excessive violence or complexity. It is an engaging read that keeps you on your toes until the very end.