

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **TITLE and AUTHOR**

THE RAT– A-TAT Mystery

By Enid Blyton.

### **INTRODUCTION**

I was searching for a story book in library and I found this. The word mystery in the title “THE RAT-A-TAT Mystery” caught my attention since I love mystery stories. I would like to guess what would happen next, in mystery stories. The cover page of the book is quite interesting and that led me to choose this book. I expected it to be both comical and mysterious with relatable characters.

### **SUMMARY**

The whole plot revolves around four children – Snubby, Roger, Diana and Barney- who have come to Rat-A-Tat, an old, cozy house to enjoy their winter vacation. A black spaniel named Loony and a monkey named Miranda also joined them. All of them are accompanied by Mrs Tickle. As they settle in, strange events and mysterious noises start to occur. All these strange goings-on are tied up with ancient legends of how the great knocker on the front door always bangs by itself, warning that traitors are there in the house. This puzzled the children and curiosity arises in them to know the truth which led them to unravel the mystery. The four friends work together to investigate. As they dig deeper, they encounter obstacles, surprises and challenges. Through teamwork, friendship, and problem-solving, they slowly unravel the mystery.

### **ANALYSIS and OPINION**

This book does not have the clever mystery, but there were still some pretty intense moments. One of the strengths of this book is its ability to balance mystery and suspense with humour. I am in love with the characters, they are well developed and relatable.

The snowy landscape and isolated setting create a creepy atmosphere, perfect for a mystery novel. Everything is described in great detail: the toboggan rides, skating on the frozen lake, building a snowman and a snow house, snowball fights, the antics of the mad Loony and equally crazy Miranda, and of course, the scrumptious food.

I admire Barney, who adds a unique perspective to the story. The lad is sensible, courageous and intellectual. As Barney exclaimed, “ I am not afraid of anything!” his bravery inspires the others to face their fears and work together to solve the mystery. And I also adore the chaotic Snubby and Loony pair. Their antics led them to spend a whole night in a dark room.

This book conveys the power of teamwork and collaboration.

## **PERSONAL CONNECTION**

I dove into the world of “Rat-A-Tat mystery” and found myself completely absorbed in the adventures of the four kids. The winter vacation that they spent brought back memories of my summer vacation and the chaotic stuff that I did with my friends and cousins during my childhood, giving me a nostalgic feeling. The story definitely hits the nail on the head when it comes to portraying the importance of friendship and teamwork. This book opened my eyes to the value of perseverance and creative problem-solving.

## **CONCLUSION**

I would recommend this book to the fans of classic children’s literature and mystery stories. It’s a great book for all age people. The text is simple and lucid. The story’s nostalgic charm and vivid descriptions make it a delightful read. Finally, it’s a great winter-themed book and gives you a cozy feeling.