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BOOK REVIEW

Title & Author:

Flute in the Forest by Leela Gour Broome

Introduction

I chose up *Flute in the Forest* because the title felt peaceful and magical. I've always liked stories set in nature, and the idea of music being part of the story made it even more interesting. I thought it would be a calm and heartwarming book, something that would leave a gentle message. I expected a simple story, but what I found was a touching tale about friendship, healing, and finding beauty in things we often overlook.

Summary

Flute in the Forest is a story about a girl named Atiya who lives in a quiet hill station. She has a disability in her leg (polio) and often feels left out. Her father works as a forest officer, and she spends a lot of time alone, exploring the forest near her home. One day, she hears the sound of a flute coming from deep in the forest. Curious, she follows it and meets an old man named Uncle Orgy, who plays the flute beautifully.

At first, he seems a little unfriendly, but over time, they become close friends. Uncle Orgy teaches Atiya about music, nature, and being strong from the inside. Their bond grows stronger with each visit. Through this connection, Atiya slowly starts to see herself differently—not as someone broken, but as someone strong and full of life.

The story focuses on themes like friendship, healing, the beauty of nature, and believing in Yourself. It's a quiet, gentle story that makes you feel calm and hopeful.

Analysis & Opinion

One of the best things about this book is how simply it is written, yet how deeply it touches the heart. The forest scenes are described in such a peaceful way that I could almost hear the sounds and feel the wind. The bond between Atiya and Uncle Orgy is the heart of the story—it grows slowly and feels very real.

Atiya really stood out to me as a character. Even though she's young and dealing with a disability, she is brave and curious. She doesn't give up, even when things are hard. Uncle Orgy also leaves a strong impression. He seems strict at first but is kind deep down, and through music, he opens up a whole new world to Atiya.

The book gives an important message: even if life feels unfair or difficult, there is still beauty, and we can still grow. One line that stayed with me was when Uncle Orgy said, "Music is not just

sound—it's feeling.” This shows how music helped them both heal. In another part, Atiya said that she would never stop visiting the forest again, which shows how much she had changed.

I also liked how the story didn't try to be too dramatic. It felt natural and easy to relate to. However, I wish there had been more pages! I wasn't ready to leave the characters when it ended.

Personal Connection

This book really made me stop and think. We all have something we're struggling with, and Atiya's story reminded me that it's okay to feel sad sometimes, but we must keep going. I felt a strong connection with how she found peace in the forest and through music. Sometimes, when things get too much, I also try to find quiet moments to think and breathe.

Reading this book changed my view on how we see disabilities. Atiya was not just a girl with a limp—she was smart, kind, and brave. It reminded me not to judge a book by its cover.

The story also taught me that good things often happen when we least expect them. Atiya met Uncle Orgy by chance, and that changed her life. It made me realize that sometimes, life gives us the best surprises when we're not looking.

Honestly, this book hit home. It helped me calm down when I was feeling a bit all over the place, and gave me hope that I can bounce back from tough days and hold on to the little things that bring joy. It was truly a breath of fresh air and food for the soul.

Conclusion

Yes, I would definitely recommend *Flute in the Forest*. It's a short, sweet, and meaningful book that leaves a mark on your heart. Anyone who enjoys stories about nature, music, and friendship will enjoy this one. It's especially great for teenagers and young readers who might be looking for quiet strength and inspiration. It's not loud or full of action, but it's powerful in a gentle way. After reading it, you'll probably want to sit quietly and think for a while—and maybe even listen to a flute.