

Book review

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

--E.NESBIT

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INTRODUCTION:

- Why did I choose this book?

“The Railway Children” by E.Nesbit is a story of adventure, courage and family love. I select this book because it is a children's book that describes the value of childhood and family love.

- What were my initial expectations?

My first expectations were that it would be a easy book to read and with full of adventures, but I got to know that it also has emotions of determination, gentleness, and social justice.

SUMMARY

- Plot & Theme

The novel narrates three children—Roberta(Bobbie), Peter, and Phyllis—who enjoy a better life in London until their father is suddenly passed away. Due to this, they shifted with their mother to a small village house close to a railway station. Though in tough conditions, the children feel happy in discovering the railway station, villagers, and helping people in problems. They made friendship with an old man, who uses the trains frequently and, more importantly, shows the care as their father does.In their life, the children show bravery, compassion, morality. The book wonderfully tells messages of family relations, generosity to others, and the strength of hope.

ANALYSIS & OPINIONS

- What worked well in the book?

One of the strongest elements of “The Railway Children” is its description of childhood innocence and strength of their brotherhood. Nesbit's style is simple but powerful, capturing the feelings of her child heroes with wonderful accuracy. The idea of social responsibility is also prominent

- Did any character stand out? Why?

Bobbie is the most interesting character. She is matured than her age, frequently assuming the position of a leader among her brothers and sisters. her realisation about her father not being there is especially a very hurting feeling for her. She cries out at one stage, "Oh! My daddy, my daddy! " a line that perfectly expresses her affection on him. On the other hand, the elder man tells them that goodness always repays.

- What didn't work in the book?

Despite the book, others may judge the plot a bit too unrealistic. And the over trauma kind of situations that they are facing in their childhood is overly highlighted.

PERSONAL CONNECTION

- How did the book impacted me?

When im reading this book The Railway Children reminded me of the importance of parents in life. The story touched me deeply as it highlights the significance of withstanding in difficult times. The children's ability to adapt and find happiness despite their hardphase was truly inspiring.

- Did it change my perspective on anything?

The book also shifted my own view about kindness. It reminded me assisting others, can result in great change. I also learned the moral that "**every cloud has a silver lining.**" The children's difficulties ultimately cause them to have personal growth and appreciation from family.

- Idioms

They shift to the village is unfortunate, but it turns out into **a blessing in disguise.**
Bobbie **went the extra mile** to prove her father's innocence

CONCLUSION

I will strongly suggest The Railway Children to readers of all ages, particularly those who appreciate classic children's literature with sincere messages. Its ageless themes of love, withstanding at tough times make it a worth-reading novel. Children will enjoy the experiences, while adults will like its message. Reading this novel is one worth-experiencing journey.