

BOOK REVIEW

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Title: THE SECRET SEVEN (THREE EXCITING ADVENTURES)

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Introduction:

I have chosen The Secret Seven book because I love stories filled with mystery and adventure. And this book was filled with amazing detective stories. My initial expectation was that it would be boring to read as the secret society is formed by children in this book and I thought that it would be childish, but I was surprised to see how thrilling and adventurous the stories were.

Summary:

Three exciting adventures are involved in this book which are led by group of seven friends namely Peter, Janet, Jack, Barbara, Pam, Colin and George. The first

story titled “Secret Seven on the Trial” gave the introduction of the characters involved and how the group investigates and finds secret letters. The second one named “Go Ahead, Secret Seven” described how the children caught a dangerous criminal with their intelligence and teamwork. And the third one titled “Good Work, Secret Seven” had led to another adventure as the group had noticed a suspicious man and a stolen dog. Throughout the three stories the group’s teamwork, intelligence, problem – solving skills, friendship and courage had played the main role and had inspired me a lot.

Analysis and Opinion:

My overall opinion on this book is great. It's simple but filled with mysteries and investigations. And I liked how children cracked the clues with their team effort and curiosity.

I think introducing each mystery quickly worked well along with the writings of the author and the dialogues of the characters added more beauty to the stories. However, the story was running slow with elongated dialogues on simple topic which didn’t work well in my opinion.

The character named Peter stood out in my opinion. He is the group’s leader who was always been responsible,

sometimes strict and determined. His leadership qualities had inspired me a lot and was very helpful for working as a team.

An important message the book conveyed is togetherness and teamwork. When Peter said that this is the last meeting, everyone disagreed with Peter, but he didn't listen to their words and finally admits, "I suppose I was a bit bossy. I didn't mean to upset anyone". Then Janet mentioned that Peter had realized he needed to listen to the others more and not to control everything. These direct and indirect speeches from the book convey how understanding and compromise are key things in any team and Peter's realization highlights true leadership qualities.

Personal Connection:

This book has impacted me a lot through the actions, behavior and personality of the characters involved. I had learnt that real courage often lies in small actions which impacted me a lot.

The book changed my perspective of thinking what children does is childish but are actually full of lessons. This book also made me think over how we ignore small things which teaches us a lot. It brought back my childhood memories of

discovering things with friends. This book truly hit the nail on the head when it came to portraying childhood curiosity. The characters determination to do what's right, even when adults doubt them, reminded me that we should never turn a blind eye to justice.

Conclusion:

I would definitely recommend The Secret Seven book to anyone who are into adventures filled with mysteries and fun. As there's a lot to learn from this book which includes teamwork, courage, friendship, and enjoying small things. The characters are relatable and inspiring in their own way. I think anyone who likes adventures and clever storytelling can enjoy the book most.