

BOOK REVIEW

Title & Author:

Tusked Tales by Rustin Bond.

Introduction:

I have chose this book called Tusked Tales. It is a delightful collection of stories centered around a mischievous elephant named Tusked. The book brings to life the humorous and heartwarming adventures of this intelligent and playful animal. With Rustin Bond's signature of story telling style, the book explores the theme of bond between humans and animals and wildlife conservation. From this book the readers can experience a joyful journey that highlights the beauty of nature and explains the importance of giving respect to all living creatures.

Why did I choose this book?

I have choose Tusked Tales because I have always enjoyed Rustin Bond's stories that I had in by school days. I way of storytelling, bringing animal and nature in the story is very lightheartful to read. His books are known for humor simplicity and emotional content. The idea of reading about an elephant's adventures intrigued me. As I find stories about animals both entertaining and thought-provoking.

What were your initial expectations?

I expected Tusker Tales to be a lighthearted stories put together having filled with humor and warmth. I also expected a beautiful descriptions of nature and strong message to mankind. I also hoped the book would be a mix of fun adventures and meaningful moments, making it a delightful read.

Summary:

Tusker Tales, it is a collection of short stories featuring the elephant named Tusker, a playful and mischievous elephant. And his various encounters with humans and other animals. The book covers the humor, chaos and unexpected friendships that arise from Tusker.

The main characters including Tusker's mahout - caretaker villagers and even other animals that add charm to the tales. Bond explores various themes of companionship, respect for wildlife and unpredictable nature of animals. Through humor and good storytelling, the book highlights the bond between humans and animals, subtly promoting conservation and kindness toward nature.

Personal connection:

Reading Tusker Tales made me appreciate the intelligence and emotions of animals even more. It reminded me of the times I visited zoos and wildlife sanctuaries, watching the elephants playing and giving food to them. It's easy to forget the idea that animals have their own personalities, just like Tusker in the book.

The book was a "breath of fresh air", transporting me to a world where simple joy matters a lot. It also made me realize that we often take nature as a thing that is used whenever it is needed. Through all the stories in that book, I came across a new perspective of viewing the world from elephant point of view and how animals experience the world and I also learnt the lesson that treating animals with kindness is just as important as caring for humans.

Analysis & Opinion:

One of the best aspects of Tusk Tales is the writer, Rustin Bond's story telling. His ability to create a new and different imaginary world and I enjoyed the characters of Tusk. His personality makes the book very good to read. The humor in Tusk and Tusk's mischievous adventures has worked very well in the book, making it to read for both children and adults.

In one of the story in this book a particular scene is when Tusk steals bananas from a market, causing chaos. The shopkeeper shouts, "This elephant is worse than a thief!" - a moment which perfectly shows the book's humor. In another part of the book, the mahout recalls how Tusk once rescued a drowning child, reinforcing the idea that animals like humans, have kindness in them.

The book's message about relationship between the humans and animals is good asset. Rustin Bond doesn't tell the story instead the characters tell the story which is good part of the story. However, some stories felt too short, and boring. Despite these things, the book was exceptionally well.

CONCLUSION:

Tusker Tales written by Ruskin Bond, I would highly recommend this book to anyone and to the animal lovers with heart touching stories, nature inspired things have included in this book.

Ruskin Bond's story telling is simply superb! making this book an enjoyable read for all the ages. children will love Tusker's adventures. while adults will appreciate the deeper thoughts of nature.

• Animal lovers, Tusker Tales is a great choice