



Teenage Reviews

Please think about the following things when reading your book and writing your review:

How realistic do you think the characters are? Did they seem real to you? Do any of the characters change in the story?

How did the book make you feel? Did it surprise you?

What did you think of the ending?

Which part of the book did you most enjoy?

What do you think of the way in which the story was written? Did it convey mood and atmosphere?

Did the story make you re-think your attitude to something or think about it for the first time?

What was important to you about this story?

WRITE YOUR REVIEW HERE

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Author: Linda Newbery

Title: The Sandfather

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Hal blamed Luke, Luke blamed Hal. Hal had never known his father. In a lot of bother at school and at home Hal is sent away to his aunt house at the seaside. Suddenly his father is everywhere in every conversation, every where he looked he sees him, walking down the street, with his friends. But is his dad real or is he just a distant wave fading out to sea.

I think the characters are very realistic because they get into situations which real people are faced with in day to day life, many children don't know there mum or there dad, and they are curious to know who they are. I think Linda Newbery, has written this book well because she makes me feel that this character may exists because she has described the characters with so much detail. Many of the characters changed throughout the story, for better or for worse.

I think the ending was predictable, half way through the book I guessed what happened which was a disappointment for me, I felt this let down the book because she could of ended it with a twist, but that's just my opinion. Many of parts of the book were unpredictable which I was glad about that it made me read on. I think Linda Newbery didn't need to add some scenes in the story because it just led you away from what was happening, an example of this was when Don and his aunt were fighting as I told you before it led you away from the plot.

The book did surprise me and there quite a few hooks to draw me in, there were some parts of the story which shocked me and I had to read it again to make sure it was true, I felt that parts of the book were depressing and Linda did not need to add them because for me it detracted from the real meaning of the novel. There were a lot of questions which I felt needed answering but Linda did not answer them, if this was deliberate it was a good technique because it left you on a cliff hanger.

To conclude, I really liked this book and I think the age Linda Newbery was 12 YRS to 16 YRS because there were some parts which were tricky to follow and I had to re-read them to understand it, there were some quite big words so that could be an issue, I think if you were over 16 YRS and over they would find it hard to relate to the characters and you would want to read more of a complex novel.