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Book Report

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The Simple Gift

By: Steven Herrick

Recommendation

The book I read is called *The Simple Gift*. The author of this book is Steven Herrick. The book I read was in a poem form. I really like this book because it was interesting and kept me reading all the way through.

In this book Billy has a father who is an alcoholic. His father doesn’t care about him and is very mean. Billy realizes that he doesn’t want to be around his father anymore because of the way he acts. Billy wants to change his life and to make it better than it is. He decides to move away and to try to survive on his own. He learns what is most important to him and that it is bad to be an alcoholic. If you like a book with a character that changes so they can have a better life, I would recommend this book.

I would recommend this book to people who like fast paced books. I thought *The Simple* *Gift* was easy, but still a good book! I think that because the poems in this book were short, the pages didn’t take long to read. The book was also easy to understand so you can fly through it.

This book is in poem form. Because of this, I would recommend this book to people who like books in poem forms. Some people think poems are hard to understand so they turn away from reading a book like this. I think that poems are sometimes hard to comprehend, but in this story, I thought that it was actually an easy book to comprehend. The writing of the poems felt just like a “standard book”.

I would recommend this book to people who like books that are fast paced, in poem form, and easy to understand. I would also recommend *The Simple Gift* to people who like it when the main character changes for the better.

Summary

The main character in *The Simple Gift* by Steven Herrick is Billy. He is 16 years of age. Billy’s father is an alcoholic and treats him very poorly. Billy realizes that is father is a bad influence and that he doesn’t care about him. Billy leaves his home while hoping he will find a better life ahead. He secretly gets on a train that is going to Bendarat. When Billy gets to Bendarat he doesn’t have anywhere to stay. He sees an abandoned freight train outside of the small town. He figures it will do. Billy is worried that someone will figure out that he is living there and call the police, so he is careful about everything he does. He is scared when he realizes that a homeless guy is living in the abandoned freight train right next to him. Eventually he introduces himself and they become great friends. His name is “Old Bill”. Billy also meets a girl named Caitlin. Caitlin is working at a McDonalds when they meet each other. They start dating and become boyfriend and girlfriend. Old Bill starts to become more open about his life and gives Billy a gift that changes his life in so many ways.