Brett: I read the book Thunder Cave. It was a great book and I learned a lot about the African history.

The book starts in New York City. Jacob Lansa, the main character, is having a good life until he gets news that his mother was run over while she was jogging. His mother died that day. Now Jacob was left with his step dad because his biological father is in Africa studying the elephants. His step father decides that Jacob is going to move to Nebraska to live with his aunt and uncle. But Jacob gets a plane ticket to Africa to go find his father in the bush. He leaves on a plane and his step father had no idea. Once Jacob is in Africa he bikes deep into the desert and meets a man named Supeet. Supeet travels with Jacob and they end up kid napped by elephant poachers. Supeet escapes and go to the cave to do the rain ceremony.

The poachers bring Jacob to his father but they are forced to help them find the large elephants so the poachers can kill them to sell the ivory. The elephants end up going into the cave where Supeet is doing the rain ceremony. Can Jacob, Supeet, and Jacobs father get out without being killed? You’ll have to read it to find out!

I really liked this book! I didn’t know much about Africa before I read this book but once I finished I had learned so much. If you like to learn out history or culture this book is for you. I learned the ways of the Massai tribe. Did you know they drink there milk with cow blood?! This book is meant for people who like action. It goes back and forth between Jacob and the poachers. If you’re a person who likes slow paced books then this is really going to be the book for you because after about the first 50 pages it is non-stop action.

I really liked how this book made me think, “What would I do if that happened to me?” This happened to me when Jacob is in the hot African desert alone and dehydrated. The whole time I was wondering what I would have done if I was Jacob. I was thinking so much I actually started getting really tired while reading the book!

I also liked the book because I had no idea how bad poaching was in Africa or in any place. I felt so bad for the elephant that got tranquilized and got his tusks cut off because Jacob’s father told the poachers do to that instead of killing it. There were sad parts of the book and happy which I liked because most books are happy the whole time and there’s no change.

I would recommend this book to almost everyone in our class. If you don’t like to read I think you should still try this book because it is an all-around good book.