

Your Name: Usmaan (Year 10)

Book Title: 'Needle'

Author: Patrice Laurence.



CORE
ROCKWOOD
ACADEMY

NARRATIVE: (What's the story?)

Charlene, a teenage girl who was separated from her younger sister, who loves knitting, decides to make a dinosaur blanket for her sister, Kandi. The foster mum's son, Blake, destroys the blanket that she was making, and in a blind fit of rage, she lashes out and hurts him.

STRENGTHS: (What did you like?)

I liked the fact that it raises awareness on racism and how parts of the book dive deep into what life is like for some people on a day-to-day basis and the challenges they face.

WEAKNESSES: (What did you not like?)

It is tough to digest some parts of this book, due to its sensitive topics such as racism and discrimination. Also, the way certain parts are dragged out for longer periods of time, making it too hard to stay focused and engaged throughout.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

All in all, a good, exciting book.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS BOOK? **Yes.**

STAR RATING:

