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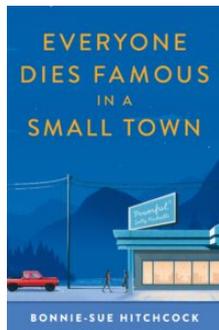
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“This book has loads of stories about different peoples` lives - about their families and what happens to them. It talks about the place where they live and how they join together.

Although I like the idea of this book, I did think that perhaps there were too many stories, as I struggled to remember them all. However, I really liked the story about the girl with her imaginary friend.

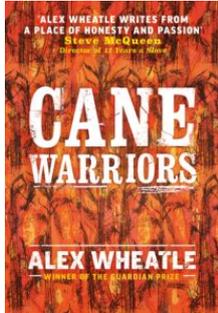
I would recommend this book to my friends, as one of the key themes of the book is friendship.

Rating: Three stars out of five.”

- Aliya

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“The book is about a person named Moa who has been enslaved on a sugar cane plantation who finds out about a uprising led by a person named Tacky, leading him into events resulting in him becoming a Cane Warrior.

Although I found the story very interesting, I struggled to read the parts written with a Jamaican dialect, which sometimes made parts of the story hard for me to follow. Because of this, I found parts of the story lacked tension and I found myself losing interest in places.

Overall, I thought the book was okay - I would recommend it to others, particularly pupils who are interested in History.

(STAR RATING: 2.5 stars out 5).”

- Danyal

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“The story is about war and animals and the secrets they face. There is a character called Joseph who doesn't like children and is a little mean to them, which makes the story more interesting for the reader.

I liked how the book was inspired by a true story, particularly the historical aspect - I liked how the war was included into the story, although I would have liked to have seen more of this. I also really enjoy animal stories, so this book really appealed to me.

My favorite character was Joseph, as I found them to be funny and they made me laugh with what they said. I found the book to be funny, but would have liked a bit more tension in places.

Overall, I give this book 3 stars out of five.”

- Aliyah

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“Aidan and Iona were both born on the day of the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement. Aidan is Catholic and Iona is Protestant, but they love each other. However, conflict arises when Aidan becomes the victim of a hate crime and Iona is a witness.

As a reader, it is the main characters` difference in religion that made me curious as to what would happen in the story. I liked how the writer used Irish language in the text (with English translations). I found the ending to be good.

I did find the novel to be a little long in parts, and was not keen on the use of swear words and it also was a little too violent for me, which I didn` t expect in a love story.

Rating: Four stars (out of five).”

- Anas

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“The theme of `equality` is clearly shown in this book. The poems rhyme well, with the first poem being my favorite. The fact that the main character is falsely accused of a crime creates anger for the reader, as they will question the law.

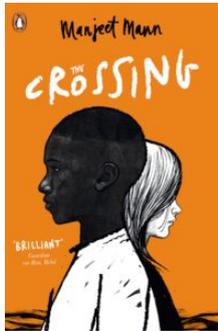
I felt that the book was a little too long, with some of the poems not making sense. Also the use of some `bad` words spoilt the theme of `respect` and `equality` for me slightly.

(Three stars out of five).”

- Anas

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“I really liked how the text in the book was laid out.

The characters were really engaging, with the narrative addressing issues like the refugee crisis and racism.

I really enjoyed the ending and can think of nothing about the book that I disliked.

Overall, I thought it was a really good book and I would recommend it to others. (5 STARS - out of 5).”

- Simra