

Drought: Jackie French, Bruce Whatley Book Review by Thomas Barnes and Arthur Greer



Drought, written by Jackie French and illustrated by Bruce Whatley, was a great book to read because it was relevant to droughts in Moree and across NSW.

The main characters are Gran, Dad and the little girl. Gran is a very wise country woman, Dad is a hard working farmer who has collided with drought and the little girl is sweet and is always full of hope that rain will come.

The book 'Drought' is about a three year drought. It is set on a farm in Australia where farms suffer. This book is a sad, heartfelt story told through a picture book.

Our favourite part of the book was when all the trucks came to the farm and gave the farmers hay, fruit cakes, grains, books and toys. It was the most exciting part because the farmers could feed the livestock and eat more food. We did not expect the trucks to come and give the farmers supplies.

We enjoyed reading this book because it was emphasising drought through Australia where it happens a lot. We would recommend this book to be read by children between 7 to 10 years old. It would also be a good read for city kids to give them some understanding into country life.