

Book Review Examples for Middle School Students

Title: The New Policeman

Author: Kate Thompson

Genre: Fantasy

This book setting of The New Policeman takes place in two settings: one is in the town of Kinvara, Ireland and the other place is in Tír na n'Óg, or the land of eternal youth. Most of the book takes place in Tír na n'Óg. Tír na n'Óg looks just like the normal world. The sun stays up and shining all the time and most of the people living there are magical in some way. The book takes place in modern times.

The main character is a 14 year old boy, J.J. Liddy. J.J. also has a sister, Marian, who is younger than him. J.J. is a well-rounded character. He has different attitudes for different moments that make him a truly believable character.

This book is about J.J. Liddy trying to find his mom a gift for her birthday. His mom only wants the gift of time. Everyone in Kinvara is also experiencing the feeling of the loss of time. One of J.J.'s friends tells him that his grandfather murdered the town's priest. J.J. sets out to try and get his mom more time in the day and to figure out if his grandfather killed the priest. Both the story and the gift lead him to Tír na n'Óg.

The message of this book is to always try to succeed. This is shown in the book when J.J. tries to get his mom more time in the day. We all know that it is impossible to get more time into the day, but J.J. actually tries. I think the author wants the reader to try to accomplish more than they think they can. The author delivers the message in a very subtle yet effective way.

This book was very good at captivating my interest and imagination. It captivated my imagination because something unexpected always kept on popping up in the story. I would recommend this book to anyone who like fantasy mixed with folklore and mystery.

Title: All I Want is Everything

Author: Cicely von Ziegesar

Genre: Realistic Fiction

My favorite book of this year was All I Want is Everything: a Gossip Girl novel by Cecily Von Ziegesar. This "girly" novel was extremely funny, dramatic and full of fabulous clothes and different lifestyles.

The characters: Blair, Serena, Vanessa, Dan, Jenny, Nate and many more, live their life to the fullest in a big city. Living the fabulous life has its complications; for example, the drama, the boyfriend stealing, the divorces, and school can get a little overwhelming. This book is full of secrets and revenge. Ziegesar, in my opinion, is a great writer and really makes the characters seem real, especially the "gossip girl".

This book captures the reality of life but also incorporates what every girl wishes she had: the perfect boyfriend, an expensive car, loads of make up and designer clothes, and money. I recommend this book for every young teen girl who loves juicy secrets, romance, and lots of revenge. In conclusion, this is why I recommend, All I Want is Everything.