

Lion: A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley



The main character Saroo who is five years old, gets lost on a train in India. He ends up somewhere far from home and survives on the streets for weeks. He was taken into an orphanage and gets adopted by Australian parents. When he gets older he wants to go back to India and find his childhood mother.

To start off this review, I'm not big on reading but I gave this book a chance because it seemed like a touching story. I loved the story and way the text was relatable when it came to describing emotions. I rated it 5 stars because it wasn't boring and it was descriptive and every chapter made me want to know what was going to happen next. I was really surprised I liked the book because when I went to Barnes and Nobles, I saw the book cover and it caught my eye. I picked it up read the title and summary on the back and it made me wonder his experiences being alone for weeks and his journey to find his mother. I responded mostly to the characters and their emotions. The way Saroo described his feeling of how his past was becoming a blur as the time went by was really touching. It captured my attention how the author described every detail and it was understandable. I would consider this the best book I've read all year because of the storyline and the relatable emotions the characters went through. For my own personal taste, I love reading people's past experiences about their life's and what they went through or is going through. I could relate to some of the characters in the book. The first character would be Saroo's older brothers Kallu and Guddu because they help and carry the responsibility of taking care of the family. I can relate because I am the only man of the house and I'm always taking care of my mom and little sister.