TRAPPED

by Sigmund Brouwer

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)

Action/adventure

Contemporary/Realistic

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

In the book Trapped by Sigmund Brouwer, the main character is 15 year old Matt who lives with his abusive foster parents Dan and Jill near the Yukon River in Canada. When Matt finds a massive gold nugget in a stream while setting animal traps for Dan, he knows what he wants to do. He wants to sell the gold and run away, to start his own life where he has freedom. However, this will be no easy task because Dan will never let Matt escape, especially with the gold.

My opinion on this book is that it is fine. It is short but still has a decent plot. The thing I like the most about this book is that it is unpredictable. There were multiple parts where I thought I knew what would happen and it didn't, and something even better happened instead, which made it fun to read. What I dislike about this book is that it is short. While it tells a decent story overall, I think it would be much better if there was more backstory to the characters. I would like to know more about Matt, because apparently he was placed with Dan and Jill when he was about 10 so that Dan could use him to kill animals for their skins, but that is all we know about Matt and we know even less about Dan and Jill's backstories.

I think that someone should read this if they like fairly short stories or maybe mystery books, because the reader will only find out what really happened at the very end. I like this aspect of the book because it makes you try to come up with solutions and conclusions of what Matt could do. I do not think this is a book people should necessarily seek out to read, but it also isn't a book I would tell people not to read, it is an okay book.

By Juno R, 8th grade, enjoys reading fantasy, science fiction and action/adventure