



A HORSE CALLED HERO

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Who is your favorite Author and why?

I really like J.K. Rowling and Rick Riordan because their books are exciting and well-written. The characters appeal to readers and the books are full of action and adventure.

What genre do you prefer to read?

I prefer fantasy fiction and action books.

Where do you learn about books you might want to read in the future?

We do book reports in class, so I get recommendations from peers. I sometimes browse libraries or book stores.

Where do you like to read best?

I enjoy reading outside, in my bedroom, and at my sisters' sports practices.

A Horse Called Hero, a heart-filled, adventurous book, is set in London during World War II. Two children, Wolfie, a horse-loving young boy, and Dodo, his older sister who likes painting and ponies, move to the country once the war starts. They adopt and care for an orphaned colt after his mother dies. They begin enjoying country life, though missing their father, a soldier who was accused of disobeying commands. They're devastated after someone steals Hero and all of the ponies. When Wolfie discovers his beloved Hero is working in the unsafe mines, he goes down to save him, but explosions start. Wolfie and Hero try to escape, but it's difficult.

Friendships require sacrifice. When Wolfie finds out Hero is in danger, he risks everything to save him. Something that seems bad may actually be a blessing in disguise. Dobo and Wolfie aren't looking forward to moving to the country, but Wolfie ends up getting his dream horse. These are two powerful themes from the amazing tale about a horse, a boy, and the sacrifices people are willing to give for loved ones. People who enjoy reading about bonds between people and animals, or historical fiction books about war history would like this incredible story.

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