Alabama Moon by Watt Key published in 2006. The book is about a 10 year old boy that has no mother or father that breaks out of a boy’s home to live in the wild on his own. There are a few parts to this paper. We will start off with a word wizard. That is like a glossary but smaller. After that I will move on to some important parts of the book. Next I will give you the main parts of the book. After that I will let you know what I predicted happened at the end of the book. I will next give you a conclusion of the novel. The word wizard will contain 10 words that will be helpful to know when reading the book.

1. Bonged-Verb-Means to hit off of something

2. Winced-Verb-give a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement of the body out of or in anticipation of pain or distress

3. Pap- Noun-Here he is referring to his father

4. Constable-Noun-a peace officer with limited policing authority, typically in a small town.

5. Pinson-noun-a City in Alabama where the boy’s home is located

6. Presumed-verb-suppose that something is the case on the basis of probability

7. Pissant- noun-an insignificant or contemptible person or thing

8. Tuscalossa-noun-Another city in the book where the local hospital is located

9. Perjury-noun-In law the deliberate giving of false, misleading, or incomplete testimony while under oath

10. Ward-noun-A person, especially a minor, placed under the care or protection of a guardian or court

2006-Moon and his father live in the woods

On some land a paper company owns -------

------Moons father is out checking

A trap when he breaks his leg---2 years later

The next day---His leg gets infected from

Not going to the doctor ----

3 days later—Moons father dies

The next day—Moon gets his stuff packed

He needed and headed to Alaska ------

--The following day-Moon goes to a store nearby to try to sell some

Stuff to get more money for the go

---The day after-

Moon starts his way to Alaska when he is

Captured by a constable that has been looking for

Him for living on someone else’s land for free

-----Hours later—the constable takes Moon to

A boy’s home that is like jail for kids

---Hours later-Moon meets

A few kids at the home -----

-----The next day-Moon and the two kids he

Meets breaks out of the boys home

Just after-The oldest kid finds a bus and gets the

Rest of the kids and they all escape -----

---A couple minutes later---All the kids

Head for the woods the hide from the

Constable

---The next morning-

Only three of the kids actually leave the bus----

---Hours later-They go out in the woods and start making a shelter

---The next day they make tools and kill animals

For food and make a living like Moon used to

Live with his pap---

-----The next day-The constable finds them Moon is sent to live with his uncle and

Hal is sent back to the boy’s home along with skip

I have a few important parts to the book I’m going to talk about in the paper. The first thing is that Moons father breaks his leg and it gets infected and he dies from it. I have seen many people with broken bones and I have seen the struggle they go through just trying to do simple tasks that they used to do no problem. Having broken bones make people not be able to do what they need to do. As in the book Moons father brakes his leg and is no longer able to attend his traps for food. He was also unable to attend his garden for crops. He ended up getting an infection in his leg that was deadly. Not usually but sometimes this also happens to people but hardly ever does. Almost any broken bone disables someone in some sort of way. The next important event that I am going to talk about is when Moon is found by a constable that has been looking for him for living on someone else’s land for a long period of time. Moon is found while he is walking down the road. A lot of people can relate to this somehow or another. Almost everybody knows someone who has got in trouble with the police if they weren’t the ones that got in trouble themselves. I can relate to this many times. First of all I know how it is to get in trouble with the police as I have twice before. I’m sure Moon is scared by this time as he hated the government as did his pap and now he is got into some trouble with them. I know when I was caught the first time I was kinda scared but not a lot because I know they can make me do stuff but they can’t take me out of my home or away from my family and I had never been in trouble with them before so I figured they would cut me some slack . Moon was only a 10 year old boy so at this time Moon doesn’t know this he thinks he’s going to jail. The second time I got in trouble I thought the punishment was going be more than just a fine. This time was my second encounter with the police and I was hammered when they caught me this time so I thought I was going to be in a lot of trouble but as I stated before I know they can’t take me out of my home or away from my family so I still wasn’t as scared as Moon would have been. Since Moons father was the only one that was around in his life he had nowhere to go after the police caught him so they did take him. The police took him to a boy’s home. That leads me into the next important event that I’m going to talk about. When Moon arrives at the boy’s home he didn’t know anyone and it seemed as if nobody there liked him. After being there a few days he got to know his cell mates and they became friends. Shortly after being at the boys home Moon and his new friends decide there going to escape from there. I can also relate to this as a lot of other people can mostly teenagers can relate to this but some adults can too. I have snuck out of my house a lot of times to go hang out with friends or when I just didn’t want to stay at home. My cousin and I have also snuck out of his house before while his parents were asleep because we wanted to be hanging out with friends instead of going to sleep. Now I will go on to a few quotes that most of us can relate to. In the book it says saw Mr. Michelle leaning under the hood of a front end loader so I joined him”. I can relate to this quote because I help people all the time especially if they don’t know what to do and I know how to help them. Another quote I can relate to from the book is where it says “He wore greasy trousers and was barefoot and shirtless can relate to this because when I’m helping my dad often I get greasy pants that get gross and ruined and when its warm I go shirtless and barefoot all the time to try to keep cool in the miserable heat. Another quote I can relate to out of the book is when it says “Pap got messed up in Vietnam”. A lot of people can also relate to thing because many people know someone who has been in a war. After you go to a war you may not be the same ever again. I can relate to thing because I know many people that have been in a war and my grandpa was in a war and he was in a lot of pain from various things that happened. Now we will go over a few things that might answer some questions you had while reading this. Moon and his father were living in a homemade shelter in the woods hiding from the government. They were hiding from the government because Moons father always hated the government and they were living on someone else’s land without permission. When pap broke his leg he never went to the DR because then the government would find them and Moon would be taken away and his pap would go to jail. Mr. Wellington called a home for Moon so he would be able to live a halfway normal life and be able to be healthy. The constable wanted Moon because he had been living on land that they didn’t have permission to be doing so. Moon and the other boys broke out of the home because none of them liked it there and Moon wanted to go to Alaska like his father had told him to do.Based on the end of the story I believe Moon will go to live with his uncle for a while and wait for Hal. When Hal gets out of the home I think Moon will get his uncle to adopt Hal. Hal and Moon got very close throughout the book. If that’s not the case I believe Hals father will adopt Moon and Hal will get out of the home and will be able to go back to his fathers to live his life happy and free with his father and Moon.

Because of Watt Keys sense of creativity she made this a very interesting book. Her ideas of what to put in the book made it very interesting. Almost everything about this book was interesting. I would recommend this book to anyone it was a very good book.

Citations

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