

Kick by Mitch Johnson

A book for year 4 reviewed by Mrs Mills



The blurb:

Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.

I wasn't sure what to think when I originally picked up this book as I'm not a great football fan, however, this book has many twists and turns and I found myself wanting to constantly read the next page. The story does feature football but it also includes so much more. There are wonderful comparisons to make between life where Budi lives and where children in the UK live and I learnt a lot about how children are treated in Budi's country.

I studied children's lives in different countries as part of my degree, so knew some of the background to this lifestyle, however there was so much more to learn, so many emotions to understand and the writer uses an emotive style well throughout the book. His style draws you in as a reader and makes you want to read more. You end up wanting to find out what is going to happen next and who is going to triumph.

A great book to read and I would recommend this to any child in my class.