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From Far Away



Synopsis

When Saoussan immigrated with her family from war-torn Lebanon, she was only seven years old. This picture book tells the story of how she had to adjust to her new home in Canada. She describes the frustration of not understanding the teacher when she started school, not knowing how to ask to go to the bathroom, and being terrified of a Halloween skeleton. This is the perfect book to help kids empathize with immigrant children whose experiences are very similar to Saoussan's.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1?A well-intentioned but ultimately unsuccessful book. Six-year-old Askar and her family left war-torn Beirut to join her father in Canada. The child's adjustment to North American life is summed up by her being frightened by a Halloween skeleton and peeing on her teacher's lap. While this probably is what a seven-year old girl would most remember looking back at her experience, it leaves readers hungry for more. There is such a quick resolution (all is well) that youngsters never have the chance to comprehend the trauma of living in a war zone or the alienation and fear the little girl must have felt in her new environment. The watercolor illustrations are full of well-groomed multicultural people and a teacher who looks like Princess Diana. An

admirable effort by the child co-author, but a rather half-baked story from Munsch. Christine A. Moesch, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, NY Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Ages 6⁺-9. Saoussan, a little girl living in a war-torn city, moves to Canada with her family. At first, school is difficult: she speaks no English, she can't understand her teacher, she can't even ask to use the bathroom. At Halloween, the image of a skeleton terrifies her--is war coming here, too? Little by little, Saoussan becomes comfortable in her new school and even decides to change her name to Susan but finds her mother obstinate on that point. Written from the child's view, this autobiographical story resulted from a collaboration between Munsch and Askar, a child who left Beirut for North America at age five and later wrote to Munsch of her experience. Bright watercolor artwork illustrates this picture book, which takes on a difficult theme and communicates it effectively on a child's level. A good choice for classes discussing the immigrant experience. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Not the perfect book, what book can be perfect with such a deep and difficult subject. It was good to read with my kids, to talk about who refugees are, who immigrants are. I bought a second copy for friends who work with refugee families.

'From Far Away' by Robert Munsch and Saoussan Askar with art by Rebecca Green is a picture book about a young immigrant girl in a new country. The book is based on the experiences of the author Saoussan Askar. When her home country (which is not named) became less safe to live in, her parents made the choice to move to Canada. There were things she didn't like at first, like the long plane ride, or the fact that she couldn't understand the teacher in her new school. The other kids try to help her, but the language barrier makes it difficult. She wants to quit school. Will she ever fit in? This is a good book to read younger children who may have immigrant classmates. It talks about how strange and sometimes scary a new place can be. The illustrations are very nice and fit well with the story. Saoussan originally published the book in 1995 when she was still young. A note from the author today tells what she has done in the time since the book was published. I received a review copy of this ebook from Annick Press Ltd. and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this ebook.

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people that come from different countries and different states and they have to get used to their new state or country. It's really hard for them and that's what happened to her. She was a good character for that book. It's fun to read that book. The funniest part was that she screamed in the girl's bathroom. I thought that was funny. I recommend this book because it will help you remember the old days. I thought the story From Far Away was an ok book because it shows you that there are some people that come from different countries and different states and they have to get used to their new state or country. It's really hard for them and that's what happened to her. She was a good character for that book. It's fun to read that book. The funniest part was that she screamed in the girl's bathroom. I thought that was funny. I recommend this book because it will help you remember the old days.

I liked the book because it had very exciting parts. My favorite part was when the teacher hugged Saoussan when she was scared. My favorite character was the teacher because she is like my mom. When I get scared she hugs me and she tells me not to worry and she'll take care of it. When I read the book I thought it must have been difficult for her at school. If I was her and came from a different place, I would be scared to go to school too. I would recommend the book to other people.

I think that the book was hilarious. The book was good because and it was really thrilling. My favorite part of the story is when it was Halloween and she said that they were going to shoot each other. The funniest part of the story is when she crawled under the table and went to the restroom. My favorite character was Saoussan. The illustrations were amusing. The book made me think of some time when I was small and I peed in my pants. I would recommend my friends to read this book cause it's really thrilling.

I like this book because it's a true story about people who moved to another country. My favorite part in this book was when she crawled under the desk to go to the restroom, without the teacher knowing. This is my favorite part because it was funny and then she runs in a room filled with Halloween stuff and she got so scared. My favorite character in the story was Saoussan because she is an honest girl. I would recommend this book to a person that travels to another country without knowing anybody!

I thought the book was great and a bit funny because Saoussan's pee went down her legs because she was so scared of the skeleton. Then she thought there was going to be a war. Her teacher came

to tell her that it was Halloween and that she didn't have to be scared of anything. When her dad came to pick her up and then went to her house she thought that every body was crazy. But her dad told her that people are not going to shoot each other. Then she would go to the mall to shop.

I think From Far Away was a good book because it's really funny. My favorite part is when she screams so loud and thinks her teacher is crazy. The scariest part for her was when she got scared and thought that people will start shooting each other there. My favorite character was Saoussan because she's funny. I would like Robert Munch to read it because he does it funny. But it's sad because she has to leave her home. I liked Michael Martchenko's pictures because they're creative.

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