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Book Review

Title: MOO

Author: Sharon Creech

Reviewer: Sarah Rawle

Publisher: HarperCollin's Children books

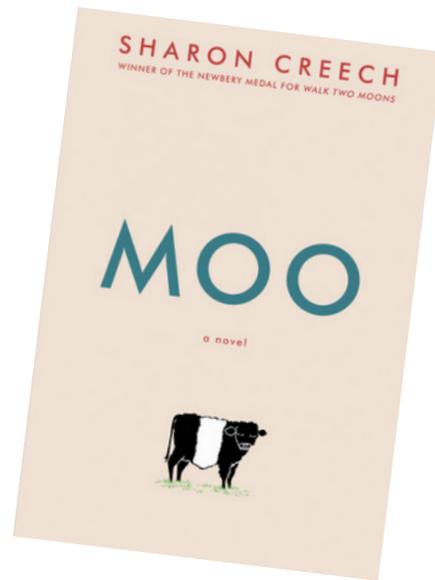
Publication Year: 2016

ISBN: 9780062415240

Number of Pages: 288

Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Reena never suspected that her family would actually move to Maine. But when they do, they meet a crazy old lady, Mrs. Falala, who Reena and her brother Luke end up helping with Mrs. Falala's many animals. At first it's difficult, but soon they become comfortable friends. Reena helps take care of Mrs. Falala's stubborn cow, Zora, and prepare her for the fair while Luke teaches Mrs. Falala how to draw. Preparing Zora for the fair is hard work. Fortunately, Reena makes friends with Zep and Beet and they teach Reena how to train Zora. Throughout the training process, Reena becomes close to Zora and realizes Zora's need for a friend of the kind of her own—another cow. With the help of Zep and Beet, Zora is able to find Yolanda, a cow companion for Zora. In the end, Reena learns that Mrs. Falala has been looking for a friend who could look after her animals.

Sharon Creech's love of Maine and fascination with cows inspired her to write this fun book. MOO is written in an interesting format. It is written like a poem in such a way that some of the words have greater emphasis and are placed on the page, adding meaning to the word; like the example, "s l o w." When first starting this book it can be difficult to follow this format, but as you read it will become easier as you adjust to the rhythm of the prose. The content of this book is appropriate for all ages and can be read and understood by those who are eight and older. However, depending on the individual's reading level it may be possible for younger children to understand if read to out loud. MOO is a cute story and has an overall theme of the formation and necessity of friendships.