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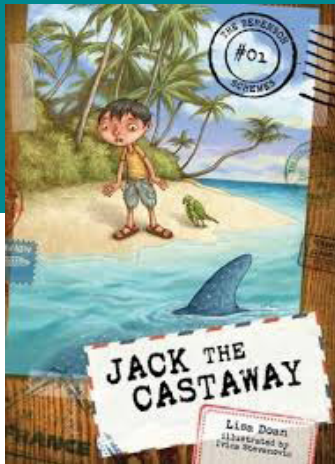
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Book Review

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When his Aunt Julia dies, eleven-year-old Jack is taken to the Caribbean by his irresponsible parents. They have no concept of protecting or taking care of Jack, but are off on another get-rich-quick scheme. Jack is dragged along and finds himself shipwrecked on an uninhabited island. He has to figure out how to survive while he hopes for rescue. His parents eventually come looking for him, but it is through his own efforts and abilities that he manages to save himself and his parents.

This book keeps the reader hooked from the very first page. The pace is quick and the writing is gripping. Although it's far-fetched, it's believable enough to keep the reader wondering and worrying about how Jack will survive. The characters do not have a lot of depth, but the action is fast paced. There is some humor in the story which adds to the fun. The coming together of Jack and his parents is a great lesson for families. Kids will love the book, laugh at the funny things, and roll their eyes at the craziness of the parents. In the end, kids will probably be grateful that they live with parents who make reasonable and safe rules.

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Excellent

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