

Bad Island

Doug TenNapel

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For my review, I read the book *Bad Island* by Doug TenNapel. The book is a story of an average family that is going on a vacation on a boat. In the family, there are four people. A father, mother, older brother, and a younger sister. They constantly argue as they pack for the trip and the older brother even plans on running away from the family as he adamantly refuses to go on the trip. In the end, the father forces him to go on the trip. They go on the trip and yet they encounter a terrible storm and they are shipwrecked on a strange island. They discover strange animals and plants. Then, they find a skeleton that has on it an artifact that is also a map. This leads them to the center of the island where hostile creature capture them and they try to sacrifice them. They run and use the artifact to activate the island which turned out to be a giant the entire time. The giant brings them back to the land and then he flies off into space.

I like this book because it shows the bonds that family create and the plot of the story is good. *Bad Island* has a good story arc and the images are well drawn. I feel that this book is appropriate for all ages and people. It's a good book to get at the library. It's about family and good morals. This book is one that many people can relate to and can associate with. It lets the reader have a better understanding of what is going on and how this can affect the family. I do have some issues with the realism of the book such as the fact that none of the family even barely react to a massive humanoid alien that can fly. Other than this I feel that the book was well written and enjoyable.

I would also like to recommend *Ghostopolis* if the reader enjoyed this book as it is written by the same author, similar images, and also has a compelling plot. Another similar book I would also like to recommend is *Cardboard* which is also written by Doug TenNapel and is the story of a boy who gets sentient cardboard that becomes his friend.

Recommended Titles:

Ghostopolis by Doug TenNapel

Cardboard by Doug TenNapel