

Ruby Holler

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Ruby Holler is about Florida and Dallas, who are foster kids. They have gone through a few abusive or downright terrible parents, and live in the orphanage run by the Trepid, who are also horrible people. They are then fostered by Sairy and Tiller, and at first the kids dream of using the money they have collected to escape. But they soon realize that Sairy and Tiller are nice people and decide to stay. But Mr. Trepid is back, as Sairy and Tiller leave for vacation along with Florida and Dallas.

Ruby Holler is a great book. I personally read it twice because it was that good. The book isn't packed with action, yet it somehow still captures our attention. There is not a single boring part in the book. There is little humor in the book, but more humor would make the book worse. The book is amazing and has no major issues. The book is engaging, and also brings light to the situation of many foster kids. It may encourage people to help or foster those who are not as fortunate to have parents.

I would recommend this book to anyone above age 7, 6 if they are a high-level reader. There is nothing graphic, but there are some pretty harsh punishments due to the child abuse of some of the characters' foster parents. However, the book is simple, fun, and enjoyable. The book would engage even those who are reluctant to read, and Ruby Holler would also make a great read-aloud for parents and teachers.

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Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen