

Greener Grass

By Author, Caroline Pignat

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Greener Grass takes place during the second year of the Great Famine in Ireland. The story follows fourteen year old Kit Byrne and her family as they are forced to deal with the harsh circumstances that come alongside the terrible blight that struck the land. As the Byrne family struggle with hunger, disease, unemployment, imprisonment, eviction and more, Kit is forced to re-examine her morals. With stealing and murder on her mind, Kit must face issues way beyond her years in order to help her family survive.

When I heard about a book written about the Great Famine by one of my favourite authors, Caroline Pignat, I knew I had to read it. It is evident that the author put a great deal of research into Greener Grass; the novel was very insightful in terms of the effects and consequences of the famine and what families had to do to survive. Although the author dealt with some very heavy topics, Greener Grass was informative and riveting.

In my opinion, I believe that Greener Grass should be read by people above the age of 13. This novel deals with sensitive subjects such as starvation, sickness, death and murder. I would also recommend this novel to readers who enjoy the historical fiction genre or want to learn more about this period in Ireland's history through a well-researched book.

Recommended Titles

Wild Geese by Caroline Pignat

Unspeakable by Caroline Pignat

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak