BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

Title: The Bad Beginning

Series: A Series of Unfortunate Events

Author: Lemony Snicket



The Bad Beginning is the first book of the series A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. There are 13 books in the series.

What is the book about?

The book tells the story of three children, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire, who become orphans after a fire destroys their house and kills their parents. They are sent to live with a very distant family member called Count Olaf. Count Olaf treats the children very badly and the children discover that Count Olaf only wants to steal their inheritance (the money left by their parents).

WHY IS IT A GOOD BOOK?

The style

It is not a typical happy children's story. However, the sad tone of the story is balanced with lots of comedy. The story is told by a narrator who is also a character in the book.

The narrator

The narrator, Lemony Snicket, is funny and mysterious. Lemony tells many jokes and frequently explains new words and phrases that the reader may not understand. Therefore, reading this book can be a fun way for readers to improve their vocabulary.

The characters

The children are very talented. Violet is an amazing inventor, Klaus loves reading and Sunny the baby loves to bite with her sharp teeth. They use their skills to fight the dangerous and greedy Count Olaf. There are also other interesting characters who try to help or harm the Baudelaire children, like Mr Poe, Justice Strauss and the Hook Handed Man.

Recommendation

The Bad Beginning is an excellent book because it has a mix of sad, funny and surprising moments and has lots of mysteries to keep you guessing. Once I started reading it, I didn't want to stop. It is a children's book but it is popular with people of all ages. There is even a film and a Netflix show based on the entire book series.