

Book Knowledge Organiser – Kick by Mitch Johnson

Important Information

Plot

Budi's family are very poor and, instead of going to school, Budi needs to work at a factory to help bring money into the household. After kicking a ball through the 'Dragon's' window, he is forced into a world of lies and crime.

Themes

Poverty, Inequality, Crime, Hope, Idols, Determination, Courage and Friendship.

Setting

The book is set in the capital of Indonesia, Jakarta. Crumbling apartment blocks, the smell of spicy, salty street food and the unrelenting humidity and heat create a real sense of intensity in the book. From the litter which plagues the streets to Budi playing football with balls, stones and bottles, much of the book is set out on the streets or inside the factories where Budi and Rochy work.

Characters

Budi	Protagonist – Dreams of playing for Real Madrid but works in a football boot factory. Has a condition which stops injuries from healing.
Rochy	Budi's best friend who he plays football with and who also works in the football boot factory.
Uston, Widodo and Fachry	They often play football with Budi and Rochy. Work in a factory together, different to Budi and Rochy's.
Kieran Wakefield	Budi's footballing idol who plays for Real Madrid.
Lazaro Celestino	Budi thinks he's the most overrated player for Barcelona.
The Dragon	Antagonist – A rich landlord who everybody seems to owe.
Budi's mum	Lives at home cooking and looking after Budi's grandma.
Budi's dad	Works in a factory that sells smart shirts to businessmen.
Budi's grandma	Budi shares a lot with his grandma and she becomes ill.
Foreman	Antagonist – The harsh and mean boss in charge of Budi at work.
Bayu & Boaz	Two of the Dragon's henchmen
Budi's uncle	A thief who has been locked up in a prison in Nusa Kambangan.
Rochy's mum	Mourning after her husband's death.
The Chief Inspector	Brings news about Budi's uncle.



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What Can the Book Teach Us?

Be thankful for the lives we have.
Children should have a right to an education.

Be brave in the face of danger.
Have high aspirations.

Quotes

"You must never give up Budi. Keep Kicking. I believe in you."
"The crowd gasp. And then, as the ball hits the back of the net, they erupt."
"I turn to face the boxing section. Stacks and stacks of shoeboxes. Sheets and sheets of wrapping paper. Roll after roll of sticky labels. Happy birthday to me."

Key Vocabulary

corrugated	material shaped into a series of parallel ridges and grooves so to give added strength
scrawny	unattractively thin and bony
bleached	made white or much lighter by exposure to sunlight
sprouting	appear or develop suddenly and in large numbers
rickety	poorly made and likely to collapse
protesting	expression of disapproval of or objection to something
negligence	failure to take proper care over something
rotan	a cane or stem used as an instrument of punishment
materialize	to appear
hollering	give a loud shout or cry
scavenge	search for discarded items or food
flex	cause (a muscle) to stand out by contracting or tensing it
dislodge	knock or force out of position
bribe	dishonestly persuade someone to do something by giving them money
latrine	a communal toilet used by a group of people
immune	protected from the effects of something
perpetrator	a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act
rupiah	unit of money in Indonesia

Context – Indonesia is a mainly Muslim country in South East Asia and Oceania. It has over 13,000 islands within the Indian and Pacific Ocean. Approximately 6,000 of these are uninhabited. The largest and more well-known of these islands are Borneo, Java, Sumatra and New Guinea. Indonesia is home to 12K active volcanoes. Traditional meals usually involve rice served with side dishes of fish or chicken, vegetables, spices and coconut milk. Jakarta is the capital of Indonesia and is on the island of Java. It is the 13th largest city in the world and since the island is small, it has a huge number of high-rise buildings and very dense traffic. Crime is high and at night it has a reputation for being dangerous.