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***The Ickabog*: Another Masterpiece from the World-famous Author**

by Brian Lui

Introduction

The Ickabog is the latest work of the well-known British writer, J.K. Rowling, who wrote the world-famous *Harry Potter* series. Taking place in a small kingdom called Cornucopia, the fairy tale tells a story of how good values like bravery and **determination** can fight against greediness, unfairness, and cruelty. According to the legends in Cornucopia, people believe that a fierce beast, known as the Ickabog, lives at the north side of the kingdom. Some people say the Ickabog breathes fire, spits poison and roars loudly to scare off villagers. Yet, some say it is just a myth.

One day, two best friends, Bert Beamish and Daisy Dovetail, plan to go on an adventure to find out the truth of the Ickabog. During their journey, they discover many dark secrets of the kingdom and decide to change Cornucopia into a better place.

Review

Personally, I enjoyed reading the story so much. I was amazed by the author's creativity and the powerful message in the story. My favourite character was Daisy Dovetail as I admired her **courage**. When she finds out that something is wrong with the rulers of the kingdom, she stands up against them and fights for justice.

Besides, the illustrations in the book were actually drawn by children who won a drawing competition organised by the author. Rowling had the idea to collect drawings from school children before the book was published. In my opinion, this was a very meaningful act because it included readers' participation in the book!

I highly recommend this book to all of you. You shouldn't miss it especially if you like fantasy stories. It is surely a good book to read in your free time!



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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. According to the legends in Cornucopia, what does the Ickabog NOT do?



A.



B.



C.



D.

2. Which of the following is TRUE about Bert and Daisy?

- A. They are siblings.
- B. They like going on adventures.
- C. They find out about problems in the kingdom.
- D. They become the new rulers of Cornucopia after the journey.



3. What does Brian like about *The Ickabog*? (Choose more than one answer.)

- A. the important idea behind it
- B. the ending
- C. the illustrations
- D. the plot

Tip

Q3: Pay attention to what Brian likes.

4. Brian gives _____ comments about *The Ickabog*.

- A. positive
- B. negative
- C. neutral
- D. mixed

Complete the answers.

5. Why does Brian think Daisy Dovetail is courageous?

It is because she _____

6. What was special about the illustrations in *The Ickabog*?

They were _____

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the online book review. Change the word form when necessary.

This morning, Ickabog was spotted near the north side. We 7. _____ all villagers nearby to leave as soon as possible in order to stay safe. Moreover, we need a hero who shows bravery and 8. _____ to defeat the beast...