The Enemy

Written by Davide Cali and illustrated by Serge Bloch

The picture book *The Enemy* is an extraordinary book that I suggest everyone should read. It explains what really happened in war and how pathetic and sad war actually is. The illustrations are pretty simple but sometimes simple is better, and that’s the case in this book.

The Enemy shows us how pathetic war honestly is. It describes that on both sides, the people that are fighting each other are only human, and they are only killing each other because they get told to. It makes you realise that war is over nothing.

The illustrations are simple, yet exceptionally effective. There isn’t much detail in the drawings but that’s what makes this book special and the simplicity of the drawings add character to this ‘child like’ illustrations really just like little playing cowboys and instead of a scratch of getting lost for no apparent reason.

The Enemy compared to ‘Old Ridley’ says less, but may have a bigger effect on you. You keep thinking about it all through the day, whereas Old Ridley, I forgot about it and its story line within minutes.

This picture book is exceptional in every way possible. It educates you in more detail about what happened in the war than any history teacher ever could. I encourage everyone to let the Enemy educate you about the incisive events of war.

A review By Laura Bayliss