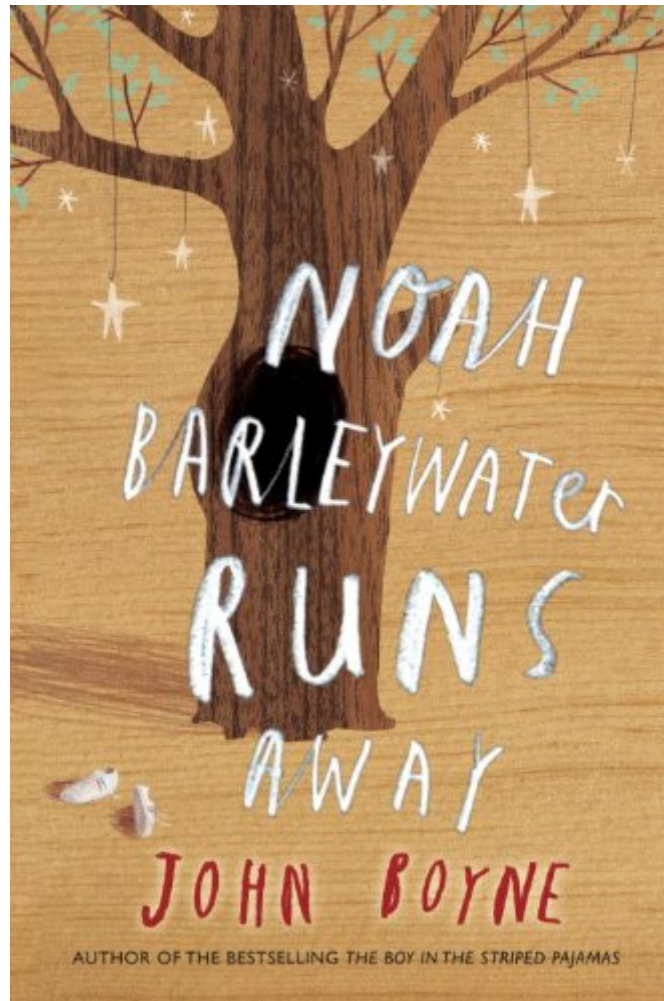




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Noah Barleywater Runs Away



Synopsis

Eight-year-old Noah's problems seem easier to deal with if he doesn't think about them. So he runs away, taking an untrodden path through the forest. Before long, he comes across a shop. But this is no ordinary shop: it's a toyshop, full of the most amazing toys, and brimming with the most wonderful magic. And here Noah meets a very unusual toymaker. The toymaker has a story to tell, and it's a story of adventure and wonder and broken promises. He takes Noah on a journey. A journey that will change his life. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

"Noah Barleywater Runs Away" is a charming and didactic tale. The author deftly captures the thought processes of the 8 year old main character, allowing even an adult reader to experience the adventures described through younger eyes. The book deals with difficult subject matter, facing fears, death and dying among others, and accomplishes the delivery of its core messages without

beating the reader over the head, but allowing the reader to come to the "right" conclusion on their own. I think that this book is great for all ages, though I imagine it would be a wonderful book to read along with a child as it will surely prompt discussion and the examination of some tough topics.

As expected from the author

This is a beautifully written book for both children and adults.

This book took a while to get going. The first few chapters were okay but it got much better as it went along. A very creative story incorporating some old familiar stories in imaginative ways.

This came up when I was searching for Oliver Jeffers. So I bought it thinking that's what it was. It's not a picture book but a chapter book. So we'll save it for when my son is older.

Wonderful story. Nice new take on a classic fairytale. Both children and adults may like not. do not expect a story like "The boy..."

Action of characters is poorly organized, action has no logical progression. There is no humor. Characters are unappealing. There is nothing to capture the reader's interest.

I received this book through the Vine Program in return for an honest review. "Noah Barleywater Runs Away," written by John Boyne, is a book targeted for children 8-12. As such I gave the book to my 8 year old son to read. The story begins with 8 year old Noah who runs away because his mother is dying who subsequently finds a toymaker (the Old Man) who teaches him how to cope. After many tales and experiences with magical beings, and objects Noah returns home and learns through his father how valuable life is. The book ends twenty years later when Noah talks about how lucky he was to have his mother for 8 years and his father for all of his life. It is at the end that it is found that the toymaker is a famous character of Disney creation. This is a clever story with Noah and the toymaker's stories intertwining. However, unfortunately my son lost interest and could not really make sense of what was happening. The prose was a little difficult. Perhaps better packaged as a story for pre-teen+? Regardless, a good story for maybe slightly older children. 3 stars.

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