

Endorsements and Praise for The Polio Hole

Speech Class

I love the book, The Polio Hole, because it is inspiring. It makes me want to go out and be a hero. It is such a great book because it feels like you are really there fighting it yourself. I love where there are flashbacks and similes and a lot of things that pull you in even more. I also like that the book is interactive; there are questions at the end of each chapter. This is why I think people my age, in middle school, should read this book and when they grow up they might become a doctor helping kids fight big diseases like cancer some day.

Jami Mansolo

If you love learning, true stories, tough times and excitement then this is the book for you. I loved how each chapter flowed into the next, just like everyday life. I was amazed at the facts and detail it had. I was enriched, delighted and entertained from page 1 to page 186.

Zachary Lee

I like the book because it talks about Shelley Frasier Mickle's life and what she went through as a child. What I liked best was in chapter 21 when a truck driver starts to scream because he ran over Shelley's doll, Robert, and thinks he ran over a child. This made me laugh. There are other funny parts in the book too.

Milan Dixon

The Polio Hole is the story of the Polio virus that changed the USA and a girl that had fallen into the polio hole. The reason I like the book was because of the excitement, action and all she had to do to get rid of the virus.

Khalil

I really, really love this book because it really explains what it's like to have polio. I also love the questions at the end of the chapters.

Jasmine Hondge

I absolutely love The Polio Hole by Shelley Frasier Mickle. I think that The Polio Hole is a magnificent story about Shelley's hardships as a child. It also explains how the polio virus

affected America. I loved learning so much about the polio virus and how serious it was. From start to finish I was attached to The Polio Hole.

Chelsea Vogtle

The Polio Hole is a great book for anyone looking for a funny, scientific, and vivid story. This book is all about the author's struggle with polio as a young child. In this book researchers, doctors and scientists strive to find a cure for the horrible disease that shook America. I love how Shelley Frasier Mickle also included stories from her childhood, like having her first grade boyfriend or buying a house with a realtor named Mr. Butts. This book was filled with laughs and interesting puzzles. I guarantee you will love every page of this book from beginning to end.

Uma Patel

I believe that the book was great in that it told a serious story but in an amusing way, i.e. the illustrations and the progress of how the treatment of polio was going. You don't normally see books with pictures for people with a higher reading skill than 2nd/3rd graders, so because of that I liked it that much better. Overall, I think it was a great book and I would recommend it to everyone.

Cameron Barnes

The Polio Hole is an excellent memoir about medical issues and the author's life. I would recommend this book to anyone. Honestly, I thought it was the best and most exciting book I have ever read. I loved how Shelley Frasier Mickle let us know what words meant if we didn't know the words. Overall, this book was fantastic.

Kaitlyn Burke

I love The Polio Hole because it is like an adventure. From the first chapter where Shelley falls off the bike to the part where it talks about how President Roosevelt got the disease. I liked how even though they were very sick they still overcame it.

Clay

I encourage people to read The Polio Hole because it is a great story of a person's view of the polio illness. It also tells two stories at once. It is also a good book because the view is from a six year old. It also deals with other people who had the virus.

D.J. Washington

I really think that this is the coolest book about the past. It talks about the way life was back in the day and how people struggled to make cures for polio. This book also tells how the awesome Shelley spent her life and how the world changed so much. This book has awesome, sad and funny parts. I really recommend this book to the elderly and the young; for the elderly to see how much the world has changed and for young people to see how things happened back in the day.

Darian Welch

The Polio Hole is a great, informative book that teaches you about so many things. Shelley's fight against polio was exciting! I liked how it told you so many interesting facts about polio. This is a story to remember for the rest of your life!

Matthew Blanton

This was the best book I read during my sixth grade school year!

Takhia Frazier

6th Grade Gifted Language Arts

A truly heartwarming read. The story of a stubborn kid's struggle with polio, along with the ups and downs of real life. Outstanding.

Marina Bolser

The Polio Hole is a great book with a great voice and an amazing story line. It also talks about many aspects in school such as science and it had reading questions after every chapter. This is a great, entertaining, curious, educational book that I sincerely recommend.

Dante Feliciano

I highly recommend this book. The author writes in a creative way. Although the subject matter is heavy, it is a fun read and surprisingly humorous.

Jackson May

I have read many good books but this one truly touched my heart. I can't imagine how terrible it must have been to lose the ability to walk normally. I can't believe an illness this

severe even exists. I have really been touched by this book and for that I thank you Shelley Frasier Mickle.

Nikki Bennett

The mix between national history and personal experiences create an interestingly wonderful and exciting read.

Stephen Tucker

A beautifully crafted memoir about a small child's fight against polio while doctors were filling the polio hole.

Joseph Meert

The Polio Hole is a fascinating book about the struggles of Shelley Frasier Mickle's childhood. I loved the mix of science, memoir, humor and history. It made me laugh, cry and jump out of my seat at times. The voice was so great that from the first chapter to the last I had a movie running through my head; a very interesting movie indeed. Overall it is a great book for anyone who needs a very enchanting story.

Gabriel Pelegrina

The Polio Hole was a great book. I could learn without using a text book! It wasn't another one of those classroom books your teacher gives you. It was funny, sad, intellectual, historical and enjoyable all in one. What an amazing story!

Hannah Cowles

This is an amazing book. I love how in this book it switches from Dr. Salk's struggle to Shelley's. This book flows very nice and smooth. It is such a pleasure to read this book. This memoir is heart warming and tells of a struggle fought by many and the road to the cure for polio.

Ema Olmos

From beginning to end, the mischievous childhood of Shelley has made an impact on me in almost every possible way. Starting with a terrible accident on a bike to a bad experience with a garbage man, she always had a huge amount of curiosity and courage to fight the terrible disease polio. As I was reading the book I learned many moral values, life lessons and so much more. Through story and memoir this book has entertained me the whole way.

Cameron Markham

I really loved this book and all the excitement in it. This is the only book that makes you cry, laugh and yell because you are scared. I also loved the author's way with words; they are arranged like a puzzle that fits together perfectly. I will definitely recommend this book to all of my friends, family and teachers. I learned so much from this book about memoirs, science and life.

Nicolas Pelegrina

I love the way the story is told through two sides. One is the story of Shelley Frasier Mickle herself and the other is what the doctors and scientists are doing to search for the cure to polio. I also love the humor and educational value this book has. This tells an entertaining story of a child along with facts about what else was going on during the fight against polio. This is a good book to read; whether to learn more about the polio epidemic or just for fun!

Victoria Williamson

The Polio Hole is a great book! I love the mix of history, science and memoir. It was exciting and kept me interested the whole way through.

Dock Luckie III

I think that this book was a good reality/documentary book because so much was going on in Shelley's life that you could actually interpret because she gets her point across strongly and deeply. This was a really interesting book to read.

Logan Hickox

I love how it is a memoir, a true story. I really understood what it was talking about because of its wonderful descriptions. It makes the story better since she's telling the story from her point of view and then there are also extra facts. I loved the voice and how it was easy to read with great detail from the beginning to the end.

Audrey Borsa

Praise for The Polio Hole! This book is both fascinating and educational. It is filled with the emotional hardships of falling down the polio hole while still telling you about an ambitious young girl. It has a story inside but on the outside it is about the amazing climb of reaching for the vaccine for the illness that has plagued the whole world. This book is

good if you wanted to learn about the steps of reaching the vaccine and learning about what it was like for an innocent child to catch this illness and the learn about what these people had to go through everyday for most of their childhood. I would recommend this to anyone who would listen but especially to those who have an interest in history, those with a soft heart, and those who would carry the story of this young girl to many others like themselves.

Maya Fisher

Shelley Frasier Mickle put so much information in this book. It inspired me and showed how lucky many people are and how many are unlucky. In this book she tells two different stories that cross paths and become one. This book reminds you that you can always find a way out of a hole if you keep climbing.

Gigi Edwards

A moving and beautiful tale about the lives changed by all those who had fallen into the deep, dark polio hole.

Maddie Bonahue

Beautifully written book that describes life with polio like no other author could. I really liked how Mickle had two stories going on at once; the memoir of her childhood and the story of two scientists on the road to find a cure for polio. Both an emotionally moving and scientifically accurate story, I would recommend The Polio Hole for all readers young and old.

Hunter Holtzworth

This book was very touching. It teaches us the science behind polio and the emotional struggles as well. I enjoyed reading The Polio Hole and I would recommend it to other people.

Darinelle Merced-Calderon

I would recommend this book to people of all ages. It tells the story of a girl struggling with polio and it gives the right balance of perspective and information about what was going on at the time.

Jamari Boothe

