The Twenty One Balloons

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Genre: novel

Point of View: third person/first person

Introduction to Book

Twenty One Balloons is a story about a man who leaves from San Francisco on a balloon. He is found forty days later in the Atlantic Ocean, and is in the wreckage of twenty balloons. This book talks about his exciting adventure across the world in forty days

CONFLICTS AND CHALLENGES

Professor Sherman faces many challenges throughout the book. One example the book shows is teaching children, and putting up with their pranks. A conflict the book show is when he is trying to keep his balloon in the air and safe from birds. Other challenges occur when he lands on Krakatoa. Like trying to get his mountain legs, and stop himself from falling.one other the book discusses is when he is trying to crash the platform. The book describes how hard it was to survive for nine days on only cheese and spoiled cocoa. Then finally trying to actually crash the platform took all of his energy. He had to keep running from balloon to balloon to let out gas

Mr. M is another character who faces challenges in the book. He had to gather families to start Krakatoa. He had to keep the island under control when the volcano erupted. He also allowed his house to be a place to test new inventions. Sometimes they didn’t work out so well.

Mr. F also shared some challenges with Professor Sherman, when they were on the platform. He also had to sleep uncomfortably on the floor and live off spoiled cocoa and cheese.

UP, UP AND AWAY (ON THE GLOBE THE SECOUND)

After Professor Sherman gave his speech he headed home to work on the globe the second. With the help of his friends at the Western American Explorers Club he was able to complete it two months later. He said goodbye to all his friends, and set sail on the Globe the Second. He thought to himself as he saw san Francisco moving farther and farther away, “What adventure am I going to have this time.” the first thing he wanted to do was visit Mr. F and Mr. M. So, he traveled for days on end enjoying the peace and quiet of his balloon. He finally reached their new homes. With one look at their houses he saw the diamonds sown into their parachute had served them well. They both lived in palace like house, and were living like kings. When Mr. F saw him he instantly sighed a sigh of relief.

“Thank goodness you’re okay,” he said. “We were worried that perhaps you hadn’t crashed safely.” They caught up on the news that had happened since they had last seen each other. Mr. F and his children were living very comfortably off the diamonds. He then went to visit Mr. M, who was also living very comfortably. Only his children were sad about losing their electric living room. He continued to visit them whenever he could. Some former citizens from Krakatoa even moved to San Francisco.

THE END

CONCLUSION

I honestly don’t think there was a lesson to this book. I think the author’s purpose of writing the book was just for entertainment. If that was the author’s goal he achieved it with some people. People like me on the other hand found a few weaknesses in the book. I thought it was the most ridiculous book I have ever read. It was also very slow moving. A strength the book had though was that it was very descriptive, and gave you a clearer image of the inventions and events in the book. I would recommend this book to people who enjoy fiction, because it was very unrealistic. I would not recommend this book to someone who does not enjoy fiction.