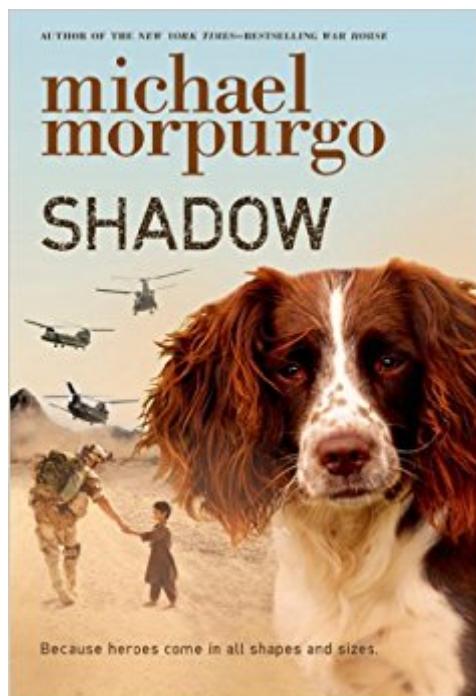


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Shadow



Synopsis

Author of War Horse, and bestselling storyteller Michael Morpurgo touched our hearts with this beautiful story of a boy, his lost dog, and the lengths he would go to be reunited. This timely story of battle-scarred Afghanistan delivers a masterful portrait of war, love, and friendship. With the horrors of war bearing down on them, Aman and his mother are barely surviving in an Afghan cave, and staying there any longer will end horribly. The only comfort Aman has is Shadow, the loyal spaniel that shows up from places unknown, it seems, just when Aman needs him most. Aman, his mother, and Shadow finally leave the destroyed cave in hopes of escaping to England, but are held at a checkpoint, and Shadow runs away after being shot at by the police. Aman and his mother escape--without Shadow. Aman is heart-broken. Just as they are getting settled as free citizens in England, they are imprisoned in a camp with locked doors and a barbed wire fence. Their only hope is Aman's classmate Matt, his grandpa, and the dream of finding his lost dog. After all, you never lose your shadow.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4-7  When Matt's friend Aman is threatened with deportation, Matt's grandfather visits Aman in prison, hears how an army sniffer dog helped the boy and his mother escape from Afghanistan, and brings the family's plight to the attention of people who can assure their asylum.

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After six years in Manchester, England, Matt's best friend and soccer buddy, Aman, 14, is denied asylum. Now Aman is held in a crowded prison with his broken mother, awaiting deportation and terrified of being sent back to the brutality in Afghanistan. Aman tells his story to Matt's grandfather, including the horror he and his mother left behind: his father and grandfather were murdered, and his mother was tortured by the Taliban before their desperate journey across the border to Iran, Turkey, France, and finally England, where they joined Aman's uncle. Now they are being sent back. Morpurgo humanizes the asylum story through one refugee boy's viewpoint. The heartbreak, brutality, and loss are intensified through the crucial role of a stray dog that comes to Aman in a cave and then never leaves him (hence the name Shadow). He turns out to be a champion army dog that saves the refugees, and the animal story, along with the personal war survival drama, is heartrending. Grades 6-9. --Hazel Rochman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My daughter loves this book.

Amazing book.

This was an excellent book providing American youngsters an opportunity to learn about their. Brothers and sisters in war torn countries thus cultivating empathy and concern for immigrants refugees .

Great insight into how people in Afghanistan lived and why they seek Asylum.Touching relationship between different individuals. Grandfather and grandson, School friends Matt and Aman, Afghan mother and the daughter, the dog Shadow / Polly and the boy...Seen through the eyes of more than one person. The Grandfather, the Grandson Matt and the boy Aman seeking asylum with his mother from the troubles in his homeland of Afghanistan.

Good story for adults or older children- very easy to read. I admit I'm a bit prejudiced since I love English Springer Spaniels and this Spaniel is a hero war dog. Worth the read since Shadow saved

soldiers and a civilian family. Bravo Shadow!!

10-year-old daughter and I both loved it! Both a fun read and a get-you-thinking book. Lessons are: fight for justice, kindness matters, and treat others the way you'd want to be treated. All people are people, no matter their plight or their country of origin.

My 89 year old mother read the book in one sitting. Started it when she went to her room at 9 and stayed up until 1 pm reading. Found it very interesting. Grand daughter (one of the people it was purchased for) is about a third of the way through. She told me how far she had gotten. I will start it as soon as I finish the book I am reading. Then we can talk about it.

Excellent book. My Middle School and High School have loved it. I have found that Michael Morpurgo is always a winner!

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