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Jack's Island

Norman Jorgensen

The whole novel captures, with great perception and thoughtfulness, a slice of life from Australia, ... a great read for 10-15 year olds.

Reading Time

... a fine and well written story.

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About the book

Jack's family is temporarily based on Rottnest Island during WWII while his father helps build an airfield. Jack and his best friend Banjo have the run of the island and a remarkable knack for getting into trouble — but as Jack says, 'I'm not that bad, I just get caught a lot!'

Dafty, a simple but lovable young boy, dotes on Banjo and Jack. When Dafty seeks revenge against the local school-master for a punishment inflicted on Banjo, life suddenly becomes more serious.

Norman Jorgensen deftly recreates this period in Australian history from the perspective of a young boy. The poignant, multi-layered text offers young readers a valuable insight into life in Australia during the war.

About the Author

Norman Jorgensen was born in Broome, Western Australia in 1954 and moved to Perth with his family in 1964. His previous titles include *Ashe of the Outback*, *In Flanders Fields* (Winner 2003 Children's Picture Book of the Year), *The Call of the Osprey*, *A Fine Mess* and *Another Fine Mess 002*.

Media Notes

- Award-winning author of *In Flanders Fields* (Children's Book Council Picture Book of the Year 2003).
- Will help young people understand what people go through when involved in a war. Timely topic due to current deployment of Australian troops in overseas conflicts.



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