

# Brilliant Club

## “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas”

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The book I chose for the Brilliant Club Project was “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.” I chose this book because my mum had recently read and watched the film and gave a positive review about it. Instead of doing the video blog I am typing it up as I could not send the video.

This book was set during the Holocaust, during World War Two and is a story seen through the eyes of Bruno, who was a nine year old boy.

The main characters in the book are Bruno his family and Shmuel the Jewish boy, the family consists of Marie which is Bruno’s mum, his sister and his dad.

Bruno’s family lived a wealthy lifestyle in Berlin, in a huge house. However their lives are changed forever when the family move house because the dad is assigned the role of commandant at Auschwitz concentration camp. This camp is full of Jews. Three days later, after they had moved house, Bruno was missing his friends and bored, so decided to go outside to explore. He finds an electric fence on a field which runs on for miles. Bruno met a Jewish boy called Shmuel on the other side of an electric fence. Later on in the book he becomes Bruno’s best friend. Bruno does not know that his new best friend is in the concentration camp organised by his own father. Later on in the book Shmuel asks Bruno to help him find his father and agrees. Bruno then puts on a costume and goes into the concentration camp. As the boys search for his father, the soldiers herd the prisoners, including Shmuel and Bruno, into a room where they are gassed. They do not discover how Bruno dies until 2 years later.

The genre for the book is war and drama.

My favourite character would have to be the main one Bruno. He is my favourite character in the book because as you read on in the book you find out the kind of boy he really is. Some people can relate to him as they move house or school and then have to make new friends.

In conclusion I believe the book to be a good read and would recommend it to anybody at the age of 10-13. It has a moral message that is, before you do anything to anybody put yourself in the person's shoes that you are doing it to. For example when Bruno's dad was killing the Jews he didn't think how they would feel until his own son died.

