

A WISHING SHELF BOOK REVIEW

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TITLE: The Adventures of Jessica Jones & Sox and Grandpa

AUTHOR: Russell Irving

Star Rating: 4

CATCHY QUOTE

“A fun and educational ‘wildlife’ adventure, perfect for 7 – 10 year olds. Highly recommended!” The Wishing Shelf

REVIEW

I very much enjoyed this superbly illustrated picture book by Russell Irving. It follows two Jack Russell dogs (and grandpa) as they head off into the Australian forest on a fun adventure. Filled with lots of nature facts and a ton of amazing photographs, the book looks not so much at the two dogs but at the wildlife they encounter. And that, I think, is its strength.

To be honest, no matter how cute the two dogs are - and they are very cute - a Jack Russell is, well, a Jack Russell. I live in England and this breed of dog is everywhere; and I mean EVERYWHERE! But, in this picture book, they meet much more interesting insects, animals and birds. They enjoy the sounds of the male cicadas, they have a run in with a big lizard called a goanna, and they even see a forest kingfisher. Now that's interesting!

I suspect most young children, age 7 to 10, will find this book entertaining and educational. They'll love the photography and they'll love seeing the two dogs and grandpa trudging off into the forest on a wildlife adventure. There's even a sprinkling of dog humor! The writing style is simple too,

making it accessible to young children, and there are lots of fun facts for them to discuss.

All in all, this book would go down very well in a school library and with parents looking to widen a child's knowledge of the world and nature.

Oh, and if you like Jack Russells, you'll like it too!

Enjoy!

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