



Alex is My Friend

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A well-written, sensitive story for the middle junior age range, set in Australia, but relevant in experience content to a British audience. A lonely child anxious for a friend, even an imaginary friend, is a subject that children everywhere can empathise with. However, Barbara Giles avoids being suffocatingly sentimental and the story is all the better for this. Within its limits, particularly the scope of its audience, the book demands an involvement and a response from its readers that is unusual in the run-of-the-mill material aimed at this market. Perhaps this heralds a sign of better quality fiction for the under elevens.

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