



The Other Darker Ned

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A somewhat uneventful plot is redeemed by Anne Fine's engaging style and the clever and likeable Ned, who is a friend of the main character, Ione. Ione (whose age is never made quite clear) sees a vision of 'the other darker Ned' (an imaginary figure struggling for survival in drought-ridden India) and decides to raise money to buy a bullock for an Indian village. She and Ned hold a village jumble sale, helped by Ned's initially vain and self-centred wife, Caroline - a rather flat character whose transformation is too abrupt to be convincing. Oddly, the cover illustration gives no hint of the book's theme.

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