

Rebel Cargo

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Rebel Cargo follows the story of mainly two characters, Mungo, an orphaned young boy from England, and Abena, a young slave girl stolen from her home in Africa. I think this book had a very interesting story line although I do not think the book was written well. One of the reasons was that in the foreword the author did not give enough information about what the book was actually about which was very confusing. It took me until I got into about the 6th chapter before I knew what the book was about. Even then I wasn't really sure. The editorial job in this book was not very good as there were many spelling errors, missing words and missing letters and funny indentation, for instance on page 267 a word was incorrect and it took me awhile to figure out what it was supposed to be. Because of these errors it was frustrating and took away some of my interest in reading the book.

I think the author's purpose of writing this book was to inform people about the history of the slave trade, how poorly they were treated, how their freedoms were taken away, and how much they suffered. It inferred that he was inspired by Beaula McCalla's documentary, which was a reunion with relatives in Africa. I think he could have used this connection better but I think it was interesting to have in this story.