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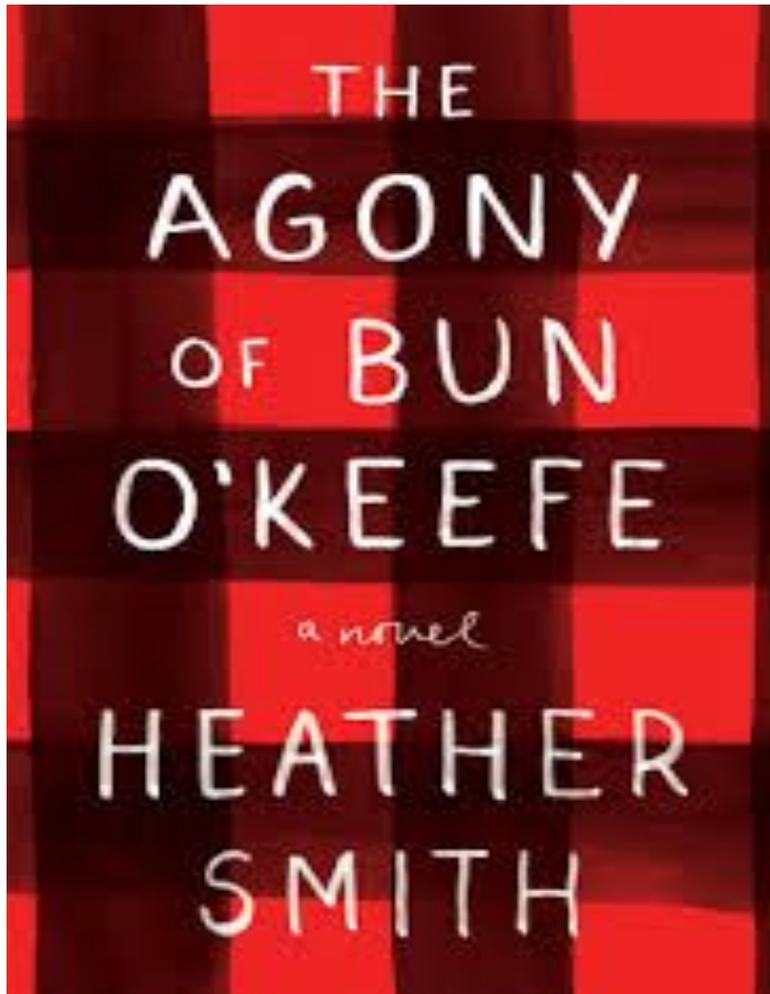
# Presentation Tips

1. Practice, practice, practice! The more you practice your book talk, the more comfortable you will be in front of your classmates.
2. Double check for errors and typos.
3. When you are presenting to the class, face your audience. Do not turn toward the board.
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# The Agony of Bun O'Keefe

A Book Talk by Ms Malloy



Title:

The Agony of Bun O'Keefe

Author:

Heather Smith

Publisher:

Penguin Random House

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## Summary

This book surprised me in its power of emotion. The main character is only 14 yrs old but fairly wise due to her life circumstances. She has a mom who is a hoarder, and after her dad leaves, her mom never sends her to school. At 14 yrs old her mom tells her to get out. She goes to St John's Nfld where she meets "Busker Boy" and all the characters she meets going forward are described by her and you never know a real name. Chef, Big Eyes,

# Setting

Where did it happen?

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St John, Newfoundland

Canada

Sometimes in the street, if they are busking, otherwise in a small rooming house.

When did it happen?

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It takes place in the 1980's

Over the course of about a year. When she leaves home it is fall and when they return it is fall again.

# Main Characters

## Bun O'Keefe

She is a young fourteen in terms of street smarts and wise in terms of general knowledge she reads constantly. She is very observant of people and it shows in her description of other characters. She gives them names based on her observations.

## Busker Boy

He takes her in and watches out for her. He teaches her about life and family/relationships he is a big brother for her. He is sad in his own way. He seems to need her as much.

## Rooming house

### mates/owner

Interesting lot of character living here to get away from homes who aren't accepting of their differences.

## Her mom/dad

Her mom is a hoarder who can't handle life and neglects her, and eventually kicks her out of the house at 14 yrs old. Her dad leaves her at age five. We do see him again...interesting!

# Conflict

Type the type of conflict here:

Character vs. Character

Character vs Self

Bun must learn who to trust and who not to trust on the streets and within the rooming house.

She also needs to decide what she is going to do with herself and her own life as an abandoned person.

# Quote

Someone has  
my book!

WITH PAGE NUMBER.

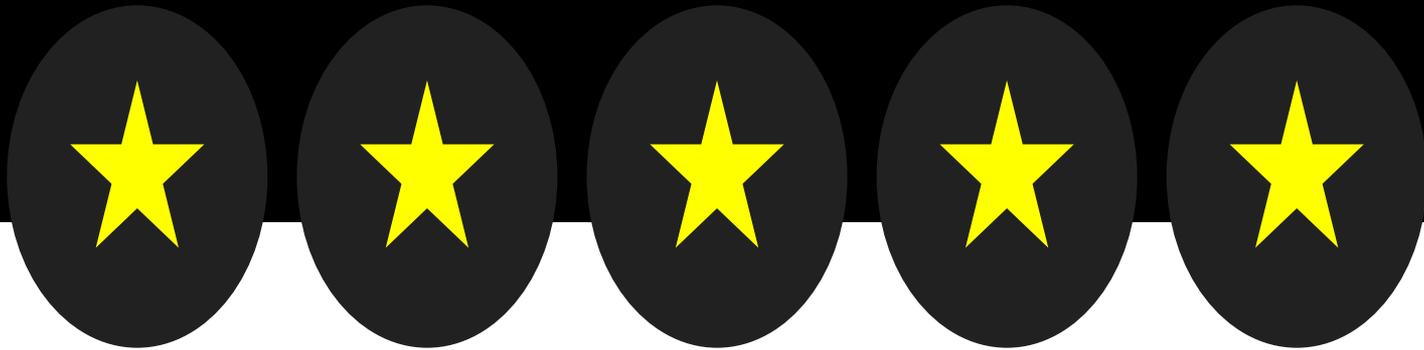
Busker Boy shows her she can have it all, in that she can be true to herself and still be part of her dad's life.

# Theme

## Resilience

Every character she meets has some obstacle to overcome in their life. She must push through her abandonment and decide how to be positive and make a great life for herself. She learns that friends are essential in making it through hard times without family support.

# Review



Would you recommend this book?

I would recommend this book to both male and female readers of this age group. It is mature read and there are some gritty realities, but amazing resolution to problems.