Synopsis Novel

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

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There was a boy named Jesse Aarons, who was the only son in his family. He had 4 sisters, two olders and two youngers. He wanted to be the fastest runner of the fourth and fifth grade. He had gotten up early everyday all summer to run. One day, he was milking Miss Bessie (a cow), someone was sitting on the fence nearest the old Perkins place. She just moved in, named Leslie Burke. First day of school, Leslie became a new student in his class. When recess time, boys gonna ran like usual. Grey Fucher was the fastest and Jess wanted to beat him. By any chance, Leslie joined the race and won.

At first Jess hated Leslie but then they became friends. They made a castle. A secret place that no one will know. She named it Terabithia. There was a rope on the branch. Looked like someone forgot it there. It looked dangerous but Leslie didn’t even scared. She used it to through cross to Terabithia. Jess was a bit hesitant, but he couldn’t lose to a girl. Jess became the King and Leslie became the Queen. On christmast, Jess confused what he would give Leslie, because Leslie already had everything, she was kinda rich. Both of her parents were writer. But Leslie didn’t have TV. Jess thought about brought it to her, but no way he could buy it by himself. On the way home, something caught Jess’s eyes. Finally, he gave Leslie a puppy and she named him Prince Terrian. And in return, Leslie gave Jess painting which Jess really like it.

One day, it was rainy. They were at Terabithia. Jess was a bit scared, the rope looked more dangerous. Because its rainy and slippery. But he couldn’t let Leslie knew. The night, Jess got a nightmare and got reallt scared to go to Terabithia, he felt like he didn’t have a gut. He thought about some reason if Leslie asked him to go there. Fortunately, Leslie was busy helping her father. The next day, Miss Edmunds, his teacher, whom he loved, asked him to accompany her to Washington. Jess forgot to ask Miss Edmunds if Leslie could come too but it was too late. They had a beautiful day. When Jess came back, he saw all of his family sitting there. Not eating. Not watching TV. His father said that Leslie was die. Jess didn’t want to believe, said that it was a joke. Leslie was strong, no way she died. His mother said that this morning, they found a dead little girl body in the bank. Jess shocked and he turned around and run out of the door. He ran down the gravel to main road and started running away. His father ran after him with his truck and brought him back to home. The next day, Jess woke up feeling like he was dreaming. He ate breakfast calmly. His sister said how could he ate so calmly when his girlfriend died. Jess didn’t want to hear it. Though he knew that Leslie dead. Jess and his parents came to take a visit to Burke’s family to pay respect. He met Bill, Leslie’s father. He hugged Jess and thanked and said Leslie loved him. When he heard that Leslie was going to be cremated, he running up to the hill toward his own house with angry tears streaming down his face. He was angry. He thought that people cried for theirself not for Leslie. The only one who cared and loved Leslie was just him. And he was angry because they gonna cremated Leslie without his permission. Leslie was his. He let his anger. He threw up his painting from Leslie. Then his father came to calm him down.

He thought about it all day. If he didn’t let his fear. If he had guts. If that day he asked Mrs. Edmunds if Leslie could come. Just if. And when he thought about it. Leslie had changed his life. She showed him everything he hadn’t seen. She was so brave. And its time for him to move out. He just had to stand up to his fear and not let it squeeze. Then he came to Terabithia. May Belle followed him, eventhough she was forbidden to following, she still did. Jess heard a scream and run for the voice. He saw his little sister, May Belle. She had gotten half-way across on the tree bridge and terrified to move. Jess came to help.

The next day, Bill came back from Washington. He took back Prince Terrian eventhoug he wanted Jess to keep it. Jess asked Bill if he could have some lumber. Bill said he could take it as many as he wanted. Jess went down and got the lumber he needed. May Belle followed him again. This time, Jess let his little sister followed him. That lumber was for a brigde. Jess planned to make a safety bridge to Terabithia. Jess asked May Belle to keep Terabithia as secret. May Belle promised would tell nobody. Jess then said, like a King, like there were people watching them, that there was a newcomer beautiful girl who would be a new Queen. And that’s May Belle.