



## ***Noah Barleywater Runs Away - John Boyne***

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Noah is finding it hard to cope with the things going on in his life, so decides it would be easier to run away.

As his journey progresses he meets an array of wonderful characters; a tree with feelings, an amazing toy shop filled with magic, and an old man who takes Noah on an exciting journey that will get Noah remembering his family memories. These memories remind Noah that although his life has been a little boring until now, he really has had a wonderful life.

A quirky tale of Noah, aged 8, that will have you laughing out loud. This is a magical story combining a blend of fairy tales and adventure. There is a sprinkling of fabulous drawings. I just loved reading this book. Although a little wordy in parts it would suit mature children readers on 8 years.

**Reviewed by Tauranga Librarian Amanda McFadden.**



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