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## Brave and Bold Details

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### **Joy says**

#### **Brave and Bold!!!!**

Brave and Bold he is!!!!!! A great adventure beyond a little town!!!!!! Little ones can do big thing too. Whether rich or poor, be thankful for what you have and live for the Lord!!!!!! A great story to read, especially for boys who want to be great men.

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### **Kiera Beddes says**

Genre: rags to riches,

Summary: Robert Rushton is a handsome, well-liked young boy whose father went missing at sea two years ago. To support his mother, Robert went to work at the village factory. Robert earns the enmity of his fellow classmate, Halbert Davis, son of the well-to-do factory owner. Halbert makes his father fire Robert because Halbert is jealous of the attention a girl gives Robert instead of him. Robert is sad to lose his job because he has to support his mother. He is very industrious and tries several odd jobs. He helps an older man when the man's nephew robs him of his hard-earned money. Robert saves a whole train full of passengers from derailing when he stops the train from running into a boulder on the tracks. The passengers are so grateful they pool together money. Robert uses this money to go find his father. His father isn't dead, but in a mental stupor in India. Mr. Davis (Halbert's father) was put in trust of \$5,000 that Mr. Rushton (Robert's father) gave him to take care of the little family if anything should happen to him. Mr. Davis invested the money poorly and won't give it back to the family. Robert finds his father, brings him home (he miraculously heals when he sees his father) gets his money back from Mr. Davis, becomes the heir of a large fortune from the older gentleman he tried to save from getting robbed. Mr. Davis loses his fortune, abandons his family and Halbert becomes the working boy and Robert is the rich one. All is well that ends well!

Response: I know that Horatio Alger's books will never win any awards and they are very didactic, but I found this book to be quite charming. Turn-of-the-century novels are so black and white, I love it. You don't have to wonder, who is the bad guy. Good looks automatically good moral character. The bad people are always ugly. It was a sweet, impossible, funny book. They are fun adventure stories where the boy hero always gets his just rewards and he helps out deserving people along the way. Reminiscent of *A Little Princess*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy* or even *Tarzan*. I can see why they were so popular, considering the time period. Great time piece and super fun, easy read.

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### **Joshua says**

One of my all time favorite books growing up!

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### **Sara says**

**Loved it.**

An old childhood favorite from my father's library. A fun read. I like Robert and the way the ending works out. Fun and nightmare for a weekend read.

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### **Jacob says**

This book is the story of Robert Rushton. His father, a sea captain, has been disappeared since he went on a voyage two years earlier. He has problems of his own as a young teenager. The son of the superintendent where he works is jealous of him and tries to lord his superiority over him. Young Robert who seems doomed to a life of poverty never gives up hope and his honesty and bravery are rewarded as he goes along. I definitely recommend this to young boys who will see that honesty and bravery indeed have some rewards. While it may seem a little far-fetched to adult readers, it is very entertaining and is a light breezy read that will leave you feeling better than you had before you picked it up.

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