

Books by the Stack

***Bone: out of Boneville* by Jeff Smith**



The story of a young bone boy, Fone Bone, and his two cousins, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone, who are banned from their homeland of Boneville. When the cousins find themselves mysteriously trapped in a wonderful but often terrifying land filled with secrets and danger - and special new friendships - they are soon caught up in adventures beyond their wildest dreams.

Why you'll like it: Adventurous. Amusing. Easy to read and Exciting.

About the Author: Born and raised in the American mid-west, Jeff Smith learned about cartooning from comic strips, comic books, and watching animation on TV. After four years of drawing comic strips for Ohio State's student newspaper, Smith co-founded the Character Builders animation studio in 1986. In 1991, he launched a company called Cartoon Books to publish his comic book BONE, a comedy/adventure about three lost cousins from Boneville. Jeff Smith's work is published in thirteen languages and has won the highest awards in Germany, France, Italy, and at home. Between BONE and other comics projects, Smith spends much of his time on the international guest circuit promoting comics and the art of graphic novels.

Questions for Discussion

1. Describe the character traits of Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone. Which character would you most want to be friends with
2. Why do you think Phoney Bone's cousins help him when he is run out of town? Have you ever helped someone when no one else would?
3. Fone Bone finds a magical valley. Think of another book that has a magical setting and compare the two.
4. What tactic does Fone Bone use to escape the Rat Creatures when he is by himself? What would you do if faced by the Rat Creatures?
5. What is happening in the pictures on page 93? Who is the little girl?
6. Who is the caped creature who is after Phoney Bone? Why do you think he or she wants to find him?

7. Would a barter system work in today's world? Explain your answer.
8. Describe what is happening in the last panel on page 138.
9. Do you think Phoney Bone has learned his lesson after being run out of town?
10. Jeff Smith chose to tell this story using comics format. How do you think this book would be different if it were not a graphic novel?

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