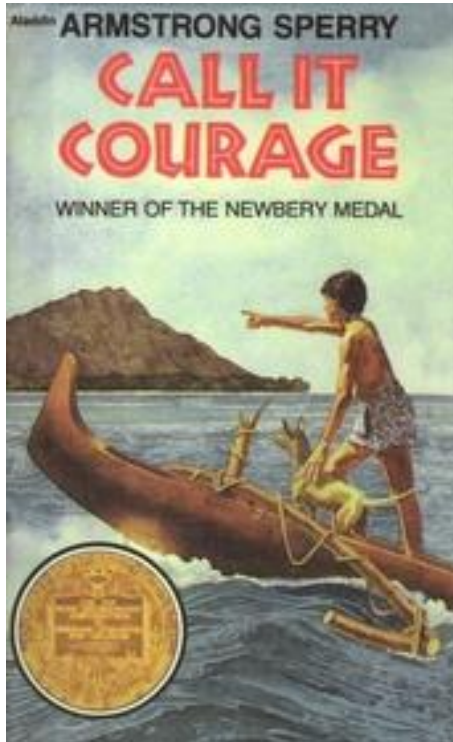


Book Review



Armstrong Sperry – *Call It Courage*



Age Appropriateness

6 10 14 16 18+ All **None**

Reading Level

6 10 14 16 18+

Genre Fiction, Legend

Language (Col 3:8; Eph 4:29; Matt 5:37; Titus 2:8)

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ Nothing foul

Mature Themes

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ None

False Teaching (Titus 1:10-11)

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ It is not a Christian book. There is worship of

Polynesian gods and it took place “before the traders and missionaries first came” to the South Sea islands.

Violence (1 Tim 3:3; Prov 16 29)

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ On the forbidden island there are references to “eaters-of-man” who come to worship their idol.

Impurity (Eph 5:5; Isa 64:6; 1 Thes 4:7-8)

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ There is a reference to Mafatu being naked because the sea ripped off his clothes but he soon made himself some more.

Bad Characters (1 Cor 15:33)

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ None

Foolishness (Prov 15:2; Prov 15:14; Ecc 10:13)

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ None

“It happened many years ago, before the traders and missionaries first came into the South Seas, while the Polynesians were still great in numbers and fierce of heart. But even today sing this story in their chants and tell it over the evening fires. It is the story of Mafatu, the Boy Who Was Afraid”

Mafatu’s name means Stout Heart, but people call him a coward. He fears the sea because it killed his mother when he was a baby. And so, though his father is the Great Chief of Hikueru – an island whose seafaring people worship courage – he is afraid.¹

Major Book Themes

Courage, Fear, Survival

Similar recommended books:

Scott O’Dell’s *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

¹ Back cover of Macmillan Publishing Company’s *Call It Courage*