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During a stay of several months in Hawaii with her family, Sara reports her experiences by tape back to her sixth grade class in Boston, detailing the ups and downs of her life.

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Leigha's Life says

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Toward the middle of the book something happens that would make most people cry, then at the end of the book something else happened that make people cry. The first thing is something I think you would be more upset by, but I

Courtney says

This was one of my favorite books as a child.

Sarah Marie says

1 star ~~probably not even a half of that~~

I don't know why this book suddenly popped into my head today, but I hated this book. I had to read this book for group reading in the fourth grade and I absolutely loathed this book. I hated every moment I had to pick this book up and it was one of those books that I skimmed the whole time and could care less about. I made it abundantly clear to my teacher that I hated the book and I thought reading it was torture.

Tara Calaby says

I was starting to think I must have imagined reading *good* Apple Scholastic books, but this one renewed my faith and made me cry! Thoughtful and likeable and gently told. I'll be keeping this one :)

Chloe says

This was great book to read. It was cool how it was a recording on tapes.

Adelle says

This book has a strangely misleading title. I didn't want to read it & probably never would have if my friend hadn't convinced me that it was a great book & I needed to read it! I'm glad she was so persistent. :)

Brianna says

I remember I read this book in the 5th grade and I loved it. I really didn't think I would, but it is a darling book about a cat and love and heartache and family. I definitely recommend it, especially to younger readers.

Do it! Read the book, because who knows what new world one might fall into? What interesting characters with interesting lives you might meet and fall in love with? You won't know if you like it unless you give it a try. You won't know if you love them unless you crack open the cover and say "Chapter One...." What's the worst that could happen? The universe could implode.... but that's very unlikely.

Honestly, what have you got to lose?

Wendy says

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. I have heard the title bandied about for years, and finally stumbled across it inadvertently. I really thought Jan Slepian did a great job building feelings of loneliness and isolation in her main characters.

The ending was a little abrupt and the loose ends were all tied up rather quickly, but other than that, I loved it.

Enjoy!

Zakiah Hines says

The Broccoli Tapes is about a girl named Sara that lived in Boston until her dad had to go to Hawaii for five months. In Hawaii Sara still wanted to be part of the class report back in Boston. So, she made cassette tapes. She then meets a wild cat. Sara and her brother name the cat Broccoli because when they feed her, Broccoli is the first thing she goes to. Broccoli the cat is what Sara started to talk about on the tapes. That's where the book received its name "The Broccoli Tapes". If you ever read the Broccoli Tapes you would love it. If you need glasses to read like me you would love the print it's perfect. The writer made you want to read more. I think the book is sad. If you love sad books this would be the book for you. Here are two reasons I think the book is sad. In the book Sara's grandmom dies of cancer. Also, the cat she loves so much named Broccoli died after having kittens.

Lisa Tortorello says

I was surprisingly happy with the outcome of this book! I wasn't sure how much I'd enjoy it, but it's a good storyline. My 6th grade class enjoyed it too, which say a lot if you can make an impact on more than half of the 12 year olds in the class. I recommend this book for 11-12 year old children. It teaches about love and loss and the realities of life.

Shanna says

Sara's father got a temporary teaching position in Hawaii. Sara has a difficult time adjusting, but is comforted by caring for a stray cat she and her brother "adopted". I really liked this story and the characters. There were some surprising turns, and the dynamics of the complicated personalities was interesting. I also enjoyed the descriptions of the cat. The premise of the story is that Sara is making audio tapes of her experiences for a school project. I found that aspect to be distracting, awkward and slightly off-putting at times.

A. S. says

I remembered this book recently, and I'm so sad that I'd forgotten about it. I think my mother donated it years ago to the public library, and I'm fairly certain I had purchased it at one of those library sales in the first place, so it has now come full circle.

The Broccoli Tapes is the story of Sara, who leaves her home on the continental US for Hawaii, where her professor father is taking a temporary teaching post/sabbatical. Before she leaves, her teacher at her old school assigns an oral history project, and requests Sara to do hers on island life. Sara buys a tape recorder, which thereafter becomes a sort of diary of her experiences, including the isolation she and her brother Sam feel at leaving their home behind and becoming strangers in a new place. Sara and Sam come upon a feral cat, and they begin to care for it and name it Broccoli. She also meets a boy about her age named Eddie, and they form a friendship slowly, kind of like how she convinces Broccoli to trust her.

I read this book a lot at age 10/11, when I had just moved to a new town and felt really lonely. It's a touching story, and I remember the descriptions of Hawaii were particularly vivid.

Jen says

I had to read this book in 4th grade and I loved it until the end. It was the first book I ever read that made me cry.

A.J. Llewellyn says

I read this book a few weeks ago but it won't leave my head. Yes it's a YA novel from twenty years ago but the story of a mainland girl who befriends a wild cat in Hawaii and names her Broccoli tore at my heart...especially the ending.

It is actually a beautifully written story but the ending upset me so much I have to deduct a star!

Megan says

i don't know why i thought of this book the other day. i don't remember the plot exactly -- something about

two kids in hawaii and a cat named broccoli -- but i remember that i absolutely loved it when i read it in 6th grade.
