Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Out of the Ashes by Michael Morpurgo

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Alana Richards, age 12

‘Out of the Ashes’ is really interesting, but also very sad. The main character in this outstanding book is Becky Morley.

Becky's father loves every animal on his farm. But life is about to change when foot and mouth disease spreads through the country. How will the Morley's farm be affected? Will the animals survive?

The story is based on a farm in Devon where Becky's father has twenty five Gloucester cows, named after flowers. Becky is allowed her own little sheep flock. After a couple of weeks a lamb was born and Becky calls him Little Josh. But Becky's world is about to change forever. Foot and mouth disease spread to a pig farm hundreds of miles away, but soon local farms are infected and every animal is killed, burned and buried. Will the Morley's farm be infected or will they be saved? If you want to know, read the book!

Abigail Blackwell, age 12

Foot and mouth disease has broken out on a pig farm, hundreds of miles up north. Becky is just hoping it won't affect their cattle, and Becky's hand-reared lamb, little Josh. As it gets closer, all they can do is wait. And hope.

This heart-breaking tale of hope and dread makes you want to read on, yet not want to know the result - if they get foot and mouth disease or not. In all
books like this, you know what’s going to happen, but the way he writes it makes it an absolutely fantastic read. Five stars all round. I would definitely recommend this to all ages 7-13. This book by Michael Morpurgo is my second favourite book by him, next to ‘War Horse’. 