

Section II

Question 5 - Prose Fiction

(b) Jane Yolen, Briar Rose.

Briar Rose is a romantic fairytale like story, which takes the audience, the viewers and readers on a journey through the life story of Gemma.

Gemma, the woman who the story is about, tells her 3 darling granddaughters the fairytale story of her life, but Gemma makes it out to be like an actually story with a prince charming, evil witch, and a fairytale ending, "and they live happily ever after" which doesn't really happen but makes her three granddaughters believe that. After ~~the~~ many years of telling the same fairytale story, Gemma passes away and her younger granddaughter Becca takes it on herself to find out about

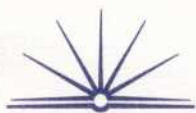


her grandmother pass.

Gemma left behind a box of her pass papers and history which included newspaper articles and photographs of her grandmother. It also included a post port.

Becca decides that it is her responsibility to find out all about her beloved fairy princess grandmother Gemma, past. So Becca goes through all the papers and documents that were left behind and realises that the documents that are presented in ~~front~~ front of her are not enough to help Becca find out about the past of her grandmother.

Becca talks over with her parents and sister about what she has found so far and decides to go on a journey to find out, what she



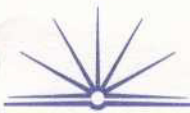
is looking for.

Becca is not only going on a physical journey to an overseas place but also she is guided through an emotional, spiritual, historical and cultural journey which all help her out during her period of searching for her grandmothers past.

Becca knew that this journey would require a lot of her, she knew that she would have to go on an extended journey through an overseas place where she had never been before.

She didn't care, all she cared about was finding out what her grandmother was like when she was younger, who she really was and what she had been through in her life.

Becca wanted and needed to know



what her beloved Gemma experienced in her life and the journey she went on.

Becca loved her grandmother so much that, she too would go on a ~~journey~~ journey to find out what she wanted. While Becca was on this journey through the past, she met and made friends with a lot of people who knew her Gemma or knew of her.

This journey Becca went on, not only informed Becca of Gemma's past and what she went through and figured out that the story was really about Gemma and what she experienced during the time of war and how a prince charming helped her escape. But also helped Becca find out what kind of a person she was and it also helped her figure out her own

personal story that could be told to her children/grandchildren one day.

This journey was not only about Gemma and find out her past but also it was a journey through life, which helped becca thank and go through life as a better person.