**Snowbird winter**

**1.** The title of the book is Snowbird winter, because Brin and Chris see a Snowbird and the story takes places in the winter. The writer is Sue Welford. The publisher is Mammoth.

**2.** The genres of the book are adventure and fantasy, because it is an exciting book and there happens a lot in the book but a snowbird doesn’t exist.

**3. The main characters are:**

• Brin: Brin is a girl from London. She moved with her parents, brother and sister to an old farmhouse in the countryside.

• Thomas: Thomas is the 6-years old brother of Brin. Usually they call him Thom.

• Toni: Toni is the little sister of Brin and she is 10 years old.

• David and Alex: They are the parents of Brin, Thomas and Toni.

• Chris: Chris is a boy who lives opposite Brin and her family. He lives alone with his parents. Brin and Chris become good friends.

• Winnie: She was the great-aunt of Brins parents. She left the house to the family of Brin. Although she already died, she plays an important role in the story.

**4. Plot**

Brin and her family life in London. At a night there is a notary at the door at the family in London. The notary tells them that Winnie, their aunt died. They didn’t knew her well. They can inherit the house of Winnie on the country. Alex and David have always dreamed of living in a village so they decide to move to the house from Winnie. Brin don't mind but Toni wants to stay in London. The Collins family leaves a few weeks later their house in London and they go to the house that’s called Dimmocks. Brin met that day Chris when she pick up the key for the house. Chris is a boy of the same age as Brin who also lives on the country in front of the house Dimmocks.  Because it is an old house they have to renovate the house a little bit. There's also a tower where old stuff of Winnie is stored. Only the tower is a bit old and shaky. But still Brin decides to go in the tower because she wants to know more about her aunt and her husband who was a artist. In the tower she finds old things from her dead aunt Winnie. She also finds a few of paintings with beautiful landscapes on it, but the strange thing is that at the bottom of the paintings are weird symbols. Brin thought it was strange so she went downstairs.

The next day in the evening Brin and Chris are fishing when they see a strange bird fly over. It is a sort bird, but the wings are very big and the bird is large. They don't know for sure what is was because it was very misty. Chris had seen it before a long time ago but he don't like it that Brin knows about it to now because he thought it was his secret.

They call it a Snowbird, because it looks like a bird and it was white like snow. They go in the house and look for more clues to find what kind of bird it was. At a morning Thom let his drawing see of his nightmare to Brin. It looks like some strange code. Brin takes the drawing and go to the tower to find more clues about the strange bird and the codes at the drawing from Thom. One time she and Chris found a strange big egg. At the egg were strange codes just as Thom had draw. They pushed the code to the egg and the egg opens.There disappeared a hologram of the strange bird they had seen in the misty evening. Brin and Chris get a story by the hologram that the egg was left by a group on earth. These Snowbirds normally live on a ice planet. Brin and Chris also found out this is the last chance to go to the cold places or she dies. Brin and Chris decides to call the bird Shannah.

Brin and Chris want to help the bird but they have to wait until the snowstorms are over. In the time they have to wait Brin finds out where her father wants to renovate the tower in a week. All the stuff will be get out the tower. Brin makes up a excuse that the egg is from Tom who hides it for Toni. Finally they hide the egg in a closet. They decide the egg is no longer safe and hide it in the boathouse. That night there's a fire at the boathouse. Brin and Chris think That Shannah is no longer in life. The next morning Tom comes with another drawing; this time there's a big egg in a nest. Now Brin gets a little bit more trust. At the bottom of the drawing were written some letters were Chris can get out "Upware". They go outside and see two boys are looking at the egg. A discussion follows the two boys decide to leave the egg. At a night when the ice is melting they decide to go and move the egg. They put it in a buggy. But when they decide to leave Toni was standing in front of them. Chris and Brin tell her the story and what they are doing because if they didn't Toni went to her parents. They take the egg to Chris his boat and sail to Wicken Fen. There arrived and hide the egg in the reed. Toni finds the Medallion from Winnie in the egg. Now they know also that Winnie knew of the existence of Shannah. A few days later they still haven't heard or see anything of Shannah. But when Chris, Brin en Toni are going to look it happens. They see Shannah flying away together with a snow goose.

The story takes place in the Fenlands, on the countryside northeast of London, somewhere near the city of Cambridge. The story takes about 2 weeks.

**5. Themes**

The themes of the book are fantasy and secrets because a snowbird doesn’t exist and Brin and Chris are keeping secrets all the time.

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I liked the book, because there happened exciting things and the book is easy to read.