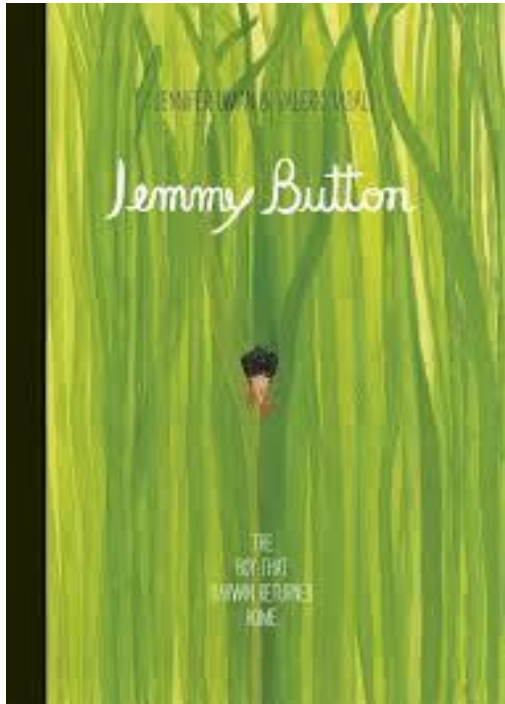




Jemmy Button by Jennifer Uman and Valerio Vidali



The themes we are focusing on in this book are identity and belonging

We will explore the themes of identity and belonging by examining how Jemmy Button responds to different places. As he encounters the lights and expectations of the so-called “civilised” world, we will consider how his identity shifts in relation to his clothing and experiences. Although he feels a sense of belonging in England, we will also explore why Jemmy ultimately decides that his true home is Tierra del Fuego.

Plot

Jemmy Button is a story inspired by the historical event in which a boy from Tierra del Fuego was brought to England to be “civilised” according to English cultural expectations. While in England, he adopted English clothing and took part in English customs. However, because he missed his home, he eventually chose to return to Tierra del Fuego.

Key Vocabulary

civilised

archipelago

boughs

voyage

yearned

decorated

choppy

gazed

Key Characters

Jemmy

