

Say Yes: A story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope

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Sizzling Start

The book starts with humour and makes the reader curious: 'On a hot-hot-hot day, the sun smacks us on the head and the footpath burns like a frypan.'

Exciting Ending

(Action climax)
Referendum Day, May 27th 1967, is Voting Day to change the law. We changed the law by voting Yes, Yes, YES! It's a GOOD DAY!

Character Wrap-up

(Emotional resolution)
Mandy's mum buys all the kids ice-cream cones. The two girls are happy. It's a new beginning for indigenous people with new rules.

Gradual build up of tension

Interest level

Backfill

WHO: Mandy (an indigenous girl) her white skinned friend, Mrs Jessie Street and Faith Bandler.
WHAT: Referendum Day, 1967.
WHERE: Australia.

Pebble (Small problem)

Mandy and her friend want to go in the public swimming pool for a swim, but the man at the gate says, "NO!" It's the law.

Rock (Medium problem)

Mandy's grandma is sick, she needs to get on a train to visit her at the hospital. The train officer says, "No!" She has to have permission to take the train. It's the law.

Boulder

(Main tension scene)
Mandy and her friend can't be at the same school or sit together at the cinema. It's the law, but THAT'S NOT FAIR! It's just not fair!