

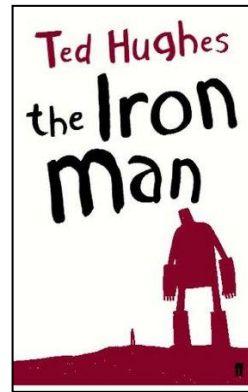
## Fiction Texts

Reading journal of Sophie

Title: The Iron Man

Author: Ted Hughes

Date I read this book: September 2013



### Brief summary of the plot

This story is about a gigantic Iron Man who roams around the countryside eating anything metal that he can lay his hands on. People are very cross with him because he is destroying their cars and tractors, but the time comes when they need his help against a huge dragon that comes from outer space. The Iron Man challenges the space dragon to a test of strength. He wins and becomes the world's hero.

### Thoughts about the characters

As well as the Iron Man, there is a farmer's son called Hogarth in the story. He is the first one to see the Iron Man and he rushes home to tell his parents. When his parents and the other farmers trap the Iron Man in a pit, Hogarth has the idea to take him to a scrap metal yard where there is all the metal the Iron Man could ever want to eat. I think this was a clever idea and shows that Hogarth is very bright.

### Opinion of the book with reasons

I thought this book was really good because it was a very unusual story but you could imagine it happening. The test of strength was exciting because you didn't know who was going to win. I was really pleased that everyone liked the Iron Man in the end because he didn't mean to do any harm.

## Non-Fiction Texts

Reading journal of Dominic

Title: Science for Beginners

Author: Mary Hobbs

Date I read this book: August 2013



### The sort of information in the book

This book contains some simple science experiments which you can do at home.

### How the information is presented

Each page tells you why you are doing the experiment, what you need, how to do it and the results you should get. There are lots of very clearly labelled diagrams and each page is very interesting to look at.

### What was liked about the book

I found this book very useful because the instructions were easy to follow and you didn't need any expensive scientific equipment to do the experiments.

### What wasn't liked about the book

I think the writer should have suggested where you might have gone wrong if you didn't get the right results.