

Review

Titus



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12:10pm – 12:50pm, 2–25 Aug, not 5, 16, 19, Summerhall

Laurence Avery, age 10, is taken on an existential journey in this story of a boy brought back from the brink.

I thought this was an excellent show. The actor held the audience's attention really well without any props at all.

The main character is Titus, a ten year old boy who lives in a flat above a Butcher's shop. He is about to jump off the roof of his school, with all his friends, his teachers and his dad down below. But then he imagines that the audience has asked him why he's up there, so he recounts his life story before he got to that moment.

We hear about his pet piglet, what he writes on his bedroom wall, the talking crow that lands on his head, his first date with his girlfriend, and what he thinks about his dad. And what is missing from his life.

You can expect to laugh and to cry and be reassured that young people sometimes understand the world in a better way than old folk.