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The sugar glider book summary

The Sugar Glider by Rod Neilsen follows two pilots, Paul and Don, as they embark on a perilous journey in their plane, which crashes due to a defect. They find themselves fighting for survival in the harsh Australian outback alongside Don's daughter Judy, who had joined them on the ill-fated trip. The story begins with Don returning to Australia after a year of flying solo, seeking to reconnect with his teenage daughter and ex-wife, while Paul sees an opportunity to revive their shared dreams through a flying school. However, their plans are derailed when they meet Patrick Forsha, a businessman who has caught Sylvia's eye, and subsequently accept a job that turns into a nightmare. The narrative is filled with suspenseful moments as Don, Judy, and Paul navigate the unforgiving landscape, facing off against formidable foes in a desperate bid to stay alive. Despite its intense plot twists, the story remains relatively easy to follow, much like navigating through a dense bushland - you can find your way out if you keep track of the key events. Pilot Don Radcliffe was planning a trip back to Australia. He hadn't been there in a long time. Paul arranged for him to fly to Melbourne with his friend Don. However, Don had some personal issues he needed to address before the flight. At the airfield, Don met with his daughter and ex-wife, as well as Patrick Forsha, who had been seeing his ex-wife recently. Don also shared information about the plane, a Sugar Glider, with Judy, which piqued her interest in flying with them. Don, Paul, and Judy arrived at Copman's, where they discussed Don's past relationship with Sylvia. When Sylvia called to talk to her daughter, she was surprised to learn that Don was going to fly again. The two had a heated argument on the phone, and from then on, Don felt differently about leaving his daughter compared to his wife. He asked Paul if Judy could come with them to Melbourne. Afterward, they headed to the airfield and took off. Pilot Don Radcliffe returns to Australia, where he wants to spend more time with his daughter Judy and restart his life after a divorce. However, the routine flight on an old DC4 plane turns into a disaster when it crashes in the Australian Outback, killing the co-pilot. With his chances of survival slim, Don must now fight against sabotage, unscrupulous businessmen, and the unforgiving landscape.