

"Read All About It"

Welcome to our 21st edition of "Read All About It", published Summer 2005.

Thank you very much to all the teachers and children, who have contributed reviews for this edition of "Read All About It". We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

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PRIMARY KEY STAGE 1

MY BIG BROTHER BORIS

By Liz Pichon

Hippo Pbk £4.99

ISBN 0439968291

Story:

Little Croc and his big brother, Boris played happily together until Boris began to spend time with crocs his own age. Boris became grumpy and played loud music. Will things ever be the same again? An amusing story about sibling relationships and growing up.

By Lauren Age 7 Waterton J&I

I like the part when he had a nose ring and purple hair. And I like the part when dad said, "Bonkers!" It looked fun when they played pin the nose ring on Boris. It was Boris's go at pin the nose ring on Boris and the part I loved so much was the illustrations. And I liked all the pictures in grandpa's photo album. And the loud music sounded awful. And he liked his cake. It was a really good storybook. And I liked it when Boris shouted, "but I like it." I liked the front cover. And I liked the back cover. And I liked the little crocodile. It was just so colourful.

By Melissa Age 7 Waterton J&I

I like the bit when Boris had purple hair and a nose ring. You will love this book because it has colourful illustrations. It is the funniest book I have ever read. It is about a family of crocodiles. I like the front cover and the back cover.

By Joshua Age 6 Waterton J&I

My favourite part of the story is where Boris has a ring in his nose. The story is about a big brother who was growing up and has no time to play silly little games with his little brother. It's about a family of crocodiles.

By Rachel Age 7 Waterton J&I

Once upon a time there was a little boy who loved his brother Boris and then his friends came over and gave him some presents and mum fainted and they lived happily ever after.

By Kayley Age 6 Waterton J&I

I like the bit where he had purple hair and I like the bit when mummy croc fainted. I liked that story.

By Lauren Age 7 Waterton J&I

The funny bit was when Boris had spiky hair and it was purple. Everyone laughed. It was the best story in the world. I loved it.

By Jake Age 7 Waterton J&I

My favourite part was when mummy crocodile fainted. Thud! The book was about a family of crocodiles. The story was fantastic.

By Nicole Age 7 Waterton J&I

It made the whole class laugh and it had lots of colourful pictures. It was about a crocodile family. My favourite part was where Boris got a snout ring and got some purple hair. I didn't like it because Boris made his brother sad because he stayed with his friends.

THE BIG BAD RUMOUR

By Jonathan Meres

Red Fox Pbk £4.99

ISBN 0099400596

Age Range 6

Story:

The story is based on the game of Chinese whispers and all the animals in the story get confused about their 'special visitor'!

Comments:

The children enjoyed the story and found the illustrations amusing. We felt that not all of the children could follow the complicated plot.

Jo Wilson & Lynne Orchard Girnhill Infant

By Chloe Age 5 Girnhill Infant

I liked it when the dad wolf walked in. He made the other animals run away.

By Dalton Age 5 Girnhill Infant

I liked the part where the little, sad wolf came in and then his dad came in, the big bad wolf.

By Luke Age 5 Girnhill Infant

I liked the picture of the wolf with something in his tummy.

By Billie-Jo Age 5 Girnhill Infant

The goose was telling the animals about the big bad wolf but they didn't listen. It was a funny story.

By Jordan Age 6 Girnhill Infant

I liked this story because the little wolf tricked the animals.

By Leah Age 6 Girnhill Infant

I liked it when everyone got mixed up with the words that gobble-eyed goose said. It made it funny.

THE TALE OF JACK FROST

By David Melling

Hodder Pbk £5.99

ISBN 0340852003

Age Range 6-7

Story:

A lost boy wanders into an enchanted forest and falls asleep!

What happens next?

Comments:

The illustrations in this book are exquisite. It fully engaged the children who keep going to the kinder box to re-read it for themselves.

Julie Withe Girnhill Infant

By Luke Age 6 Girnhill Infant

I liked it when the goblins picked the ice out of the pool. They got wet.

By Pippa Age 7 Girnhill Infant

I like the goblins in Jack Frost because they are crazy all of the time, especially when they wanted to get the magic off Jack Frost because they wanted it to be theirs.

By Sophie Age 7 Girnhill Infant

I like the book of Jack Frost because it is funny when the little boy touched the big goblin's nose. And the little boy tricked the goblins.

By Leah Age 7 Girnhill Infant

I really liked Jack Frost because he has special powers because he can turn things into ice. It was good. I liked it. And I liked the animals because they were funny. The words were very nice and shiny but I didn't like the goblins because they were evil.

By Daniella Age 7 Girnhill Infant

I liked this story because it had magnificent pictures. The goblins were scary because they looked frightening. I like Jack Frost because he had special powers. I really like the animals because they are friendly especially the unicorn. Jack Frost is really magical because when he touches anything it turns to ice. I thought it was funny when Jack tricked the goblins. It was excellent at the end when he flies.

By Natasha Age 7 Girnhill Infant

I like this story because Jack Frost tricked the goblins and some parts were scary and some parts were good and funny. I liked it at the end when Jack Frost flies with wings because it was lovely.

By Scott Age 7 Girnhill Infant

I liked the story because Jack tricked the goblins with the ice. Jack was asleep when the little goat came running around the tree. The unicorn came and said, "What is it?" "It's a little boy," said reindeer.

FRIENDS

By Kathryn Cave

Hodder Pbk £5.99

ISBN 034065600X

Story:

An appealing story about friends.

Comments:

A very good story for use in P.S.H.E. Two friends look after each other and are there for each other, even though they sometimes fall out.

Helen Drury Northfield J,I&Nursery

By Alisha Age 7 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I like both characters in this story. They helped each other and shared things. They liked each other. People should read this book because it is good. It might help you not to fall out with other people.

By Chloe Age 7 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I like both of the characters because they were friends. Years 1 and 2 could read this book. The characters were best friends. The ending is good. People should read it because it's about being good friends.

By Jessica Age 6 Northfield J,I&Nursery

The book is called 'Friends'. It tells you that friends look after each other. I like it when the big person helps the little person. I think everyone should read it because it's about being good friends.

By Hannah Age 6 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I think Year 1 could read 'Friends'. I liked the bit where the page was red because they were cross. I liked it when the little character said, "Do you want to be friends?" after they had fallen out. The story is about caring for your own and other people's friends.

AMOS JELLYBEAN GETS IT RIGHT

By Joanna Walsh

Hodder Pbk £5.99

ISBN 034088231X

Age Range 4-6

Story:

Amos Jellybean can't remember anything and he constantly gets it wrong - seriously wrong!

Comments:

A very amusing story that was thoroughly enjoyed by the children in Year 2.

Helen Drury Northfield J,I & Nursery

Story:

A sequencing book. Amos Jellybean is given daily instructions which he does wrong i.e. dog on table, socks on ears etc. At the end Amos gets it right.

Comments:

A good story for Upper Foundation children especially to reinforce sequencing and daily routine.

Chris Braisby Streethouse J&I

By Alisha Age 7 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I like it when Amos Jellybean takes his bed downstairs. He is not good at remembering but he remembers in the end. I like it when Amos gets it right.

By Peter Age 6 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I liked the part when Amos said, "I DID IT!" because he usually gets things wrong. He is not very good at remembering. He is very forgetful. Everyone liked the pictures but I especially liked the last page. I think ages 4 and up could enjoy this book.

By Robyn Age 7 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I like Amos because he is forgetful and funny. He rides to school on his hat. I like the part where he puts his socks on his ears. He couldn't do P.E. because he forgot his P.E. kit. I think Year 1 would like this story.

By Lauren Age 7 Northfield J,I&Nursery

I liked the part where Amos Jellybean put socks on his ears. I think that everyone thought it was funny when Amos Jellybean carried his bike to school and jumped on his hat. Amos Jellybean is very forgetful. He can't remember his instructions.

By Aimee Age 6 Northfield J,I & Nursery

It is funny when Amos Jellybean puts his socks on his ears. He always gets it wrong. He only got one thing right and that was putting his pyjamas on. He can't remember what he is told to do.

By Laine Age 9 Streethouse J&I

It was very boring because it kept saying Amos Jellybean but it was quite funny when Amos was in the bath because he put he duck on his head.

By Brad Age 7 Streethouse J&I

I liked the bit when Amos Jellybean got things wrong and I thought it was boring. I think it will be for young children. The book is called Amos Jellybean Gets it Right. The bit when his friends had different food was boring too.

By Chris Age 8 Streethouse J&I

I thought this story was babyish and I think it is for 2 to 7 year olds.

By Emma Age 8 Streethouse J&I

I think it was silly and I think it was boring. I don't like it very much at all. It was about a boy who does silly things. It will be good for 3-8 year olds. And I think it was babyish.

By Carlton Age 8 Streethouse J&I

It was about Amos Jellybean who could not remember things. It would be good for 4-5 year olds. I think it was a bit funny because he ate some of his clothes.

By Lee Age 8 Streethouse J&I

The story was boring and the pictures were for babies. Amos Jellybean could not get things right but in the end he got it right.

OWW!

By Michael Rosen

Collins Pbk £5.99

ISBN 0007124430

Story:

Piggy Piglet gets a thistle stuck to his tail. His farmyard friends try to help him get rid of it.

Comments:

This is a beautifully illustrated, funny story. The expressions on the faces are brilliant. The children in my class enjoyed the story and asked for it again and again.

Pauline Alderdice Mill Dam J&I

By Grace Age 5 Mill Dam J&I

I like the part where the pig has a thistle on his tail and it hurts Oww! And the sheep kicks the pig. This book is funny.

By Victoria Age 5 Mill Dam J&I

The pig had a thorn in his tail and it hurt him and the donkey ate it off. I liked it because it is funny.

By Ben Age 5 Mill Dam J&I

The pig had a thorn on his bum and everyone helped him, the sheep kicked him, the donkey ate the thorn and the pig didn't say oww! I liked this book, it was funny and I liked the pictures.

By Caitlin Age 5 Mill Dam J&I

Oww! Piglet had something on his tail and it was a thorn. Poor Piglet Oww! I liked this book.

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO BED

By Tony Ross

Harper Collins Pbk £5.99

ISBN 0007194781

Story:

The Little Princess doesn't want to go to bed, why should she when she isn't tired? But the King and Queen are firm and after several attempts at making her listen to them for once, she does go to bed. When the King goes to kiss her goodnight, her bed is empty again! Where can she be?

By Ryan Age 5 Streethouse J&I

I liked it when she rode away on her bike.

By Jack Age 4 Streethouse J&I

I liked the story.

By Georgia Age 5 Streethouse J&I

She didn't like it when she had to go to bed.

By Katie Age 5 Streethouse J&I

I liked the princess.

PRIMARY KEY STAGE 2

THE HIDDEN FOREST

By Jeannie Baker

Walker Pbk £5.99

ISBN 0744578760

Age Range 8-9

Story:

By the author of the fabulous "Where the Forest Meets the Sea", this new book by Jeannie Baker tells quite a simple yet touching story that is elevated to another level by the superb colours, textures and sheer details of the illustrations. Ben, in trying to retrieve his lost fish trap, feels a threatening presence underwater. A friend guides him as he dives into the wonderful hidden forests and sees the amazing creatures that live there. He begins to appreciate the hidden dimension and the sanctity of life that exists there.

Comments:

The sheer quality of the book appeals to the reader's sense of wonder. Her previous book and this would sit together very nicely alongside a topic on conservation. I would recommend this picture book on a visual level alone to children of 8-9 plus.

L. Rushforth Larks Hill J&I

By Paige Age 9 Larks Hill J&I

This is about a boy called Ben. He is looking for his lost fish trap but he came across something dark moving under the water. Was he just seeing things or not? Ben had found a whole new world that he had not expected being there. I really like the pictures in this book. I really like this book.

By Danielle Age 9 Larks Hill J&I

I love the illustrations in this book. I like the title as well. I thought this book was fantastic. I think there could have been more characters in this book. I liked the picture of the whale's eye. I loved all the colours in this book too. I like the back and front pictures. I like it when Ben just thinks the sea is just ordinary but when he dives in with his friend Sophie he discovers a whole new world - The Hidden Forest. I noticed the nearly there picture. When I first read this book I did not notice the whale but when I was flicking the pages I noticed it. There is a lesson to be learned from this book, when Ben had explored the hidden world under the water, he saw things in a different way.

By Polly Age 8 Larks Hill J&I

I thought this book had very good illustrations and it was very exciting. This book is not a baby book just because it's got pictures, you have to be able to understand the language. I have read lots of Walker Books and this is my favourite yet. I especially liked the last page where he talks about his feeling for the fish and all the other creatures in the sea. I would really recommend this book to people who like underwater adventures and like diving.

By Harriet Age 9 Larks Hill J&I

Beautiful illustrations, I think this book should be for ages 8,9,10. My favourite character was Ben, because of the way he acts in the story. I like the descriptions because they were very exotic. I think it was a nice story because it painted a picture in my mind of an under world forest.

SWAN BOY

By Diana Hendry

Walker Pbk £5.99

ISBN 0713668415

Age Range 7-8

Story:

Swan Boy, by Diana Hendry is a rather 'twee' fairy story, with some of the usual ingredients - princes, forests and a wicked stepmother, who casts a spell to turn the brothers into swans. Most of the princes hate this odd metamorphosis, but one, Caleb, adores the freedom it represents, although this is never fully explored. He fights the spell made by his sister, the princess, after 6 years of treading nettles. His "wriggling" meant that he retained one wing when he changed back to a boy and he had to go and live as an outcast on the island of Nanna, where "the people have wings in their hearts and wings in their minds." Yuk!

Comments:

This book does literature no favours!

L. Rushforth Larks Hill J&I

By Ellie Age 8 Larks Hill J&I

I really enjoyed this book. I would recommend it to anyone. It ties into the title very well. It is a really good book. It painted a picture in my mind's eye. The ages it is aimed at are 7,8,9 and ten. The plot is a bit like a fairy tale. There are good people in the story and bad people too. I give this book a rating of 10 out of 10.

By Emma Age 8 Larks Hill J&I

I like this book because of its great illustrations and how the story ties into the title. The Queen herself stitched magic into sleeves to turn the boys into swans. I like how they're not just boys because there are 6 brothers and I am glad there

was a Queen and Princess. I think this book is written for 8 to 9 year olds.

By Joseph Age 8 Larks Hill J&I

Swan Boy is a new story by Diana Hendry. It's unusual because Caleb, who is the main character, is turned into a swan by his wicked stepmother. He liked being a swan because he was more powerful. Lucy made shirts and they put them on and were human again but Caleb still had a wing. I didn't like the book because it didn't have any action or adventure. It is suitable for 6 to 7 year olds.

HORROR HOUSE

By Mary Hooper

Scholastic Pbk £4.99

ISBN 0439963982

Age Range 9-12

Story:

Jenna and Jake are twins, living in a quiet village with no one to play with of their own age. Jenna has a sixth sense and the twins soon become involved in ghostly happenings. Their new friend Claire lives in a haunted house.

Comments:

Most children enjoy reading a mystery story, especially one that involves ghosts and spooky happenings. The book is well written, in an amusing style, with enough challenging vocabulary to keep the good reader engaged. Very good descriptive passages, which can be used as examples in narrative writing revision.

Lesley Allan Waterton J&I

Story:

Jake and Jenna, yet again, find themselves another ghost in the quiet village they now call home.

Comments:

A spooky atmosphere with a clever twist. Jenna can now see into the future.

Helen Habberjam Newlands Primary School

By Rebecca Age 10 Waterton J&I

A girl called Jenna and a boy called Jake are twins. Jenna has a sixth sense, which means that she can sense ghosts! There were no other children in the village, where they lived so there was no one to play with, except each other. Then one day they found a small child playing. The small child was Mr. and Mrs. U.F.O's granddaughter (as Jake and Jenna called them). Mr UFO owned a house called Horror House. It was a spooky-looking mansion, which used to be a school. Good descriptions. When Jake and Jenna pay their neighbours a visit, Jenna sees a scary portrait of one of the old headmasters, which freaked her out. When Claire asks them to sleep over they weren't sure, but Claire would not take no for an answer. Later when they got there, they heard a noise..... My favourite part of the book is when Jenna sees a ghost in a yellow dress, but the costume wasn't a 21st century dress, it was Victorian. I would recommend this book to 10-13 year olds, because there is some quite difficult vocabulary in it.

By Chloe Age 10 Waterton J&I

This story is about two kids, who have moved to a quiet village. One is called Jake and his sister is called Jenna. Jenna has a sixth sense when it comes to ghosts and the twins are really pleased when a girl called Claire comes to stay in a house, they call Horror House. This is a book that I would recommend for children between 10 and 12 years old. It was a really great book about a house that had been haunted for many years. It

is a subject that I think most children of my age, enjoy reading about.

By Lauren Age 11 Waterton J&I

I thought that this book was great. I would say that the age group for reading the book is about 7-11 years. Jenna and Jake visited Horror House, in the quiet village, where they lived. They were waiting for a girl called Claire, who had just moved into the house with her grandparents. Jenna saw a painting of one of the old headmasters, who used to be at the house, when it was a school. His name was Oliver Connington. Jenna has a sixth sense and she saw a girl from the past wearing a Victorian dress, with slashes of blood down it and long, white gloves. What could this mean? I really enjoyed this story and wanted to read on from the very beginning.

By Vicky Age 9 Newlands Primary

It is about a boy and girl that have a haunted house and they can see the ghosts.

By Joshua Age 9 Newlands Primary

Horror House is a very good book. I enjoyed it and I think other people would too. I think it's quite spooky that a little girl can sense spirits and ghosts and it's spooky where an old lady turns up with blood dripping from her. I think children from all round the world should read it. (It's Great!)

NOAH'S ROCKET

By Tony Frais

Anthony T. Frais Pbk £4.99

ISBN 0954806808

Story:

A modern day retelling of the story of Noah's Ark, including references to things such as the Internet, TV and the building in London that looks like a giant cucumber!

Comments:

The children enjoyed the book, particularly as we have been reading Bible stories in R.E. this term.

Katy Bush Mill Dam J&I

By Alice Age 9 Mill Dam J&I

Noah's Rocket is a modern version of Noah's Ark. Read on to find out a bit about it. In Noah's Rocket, Noah gets told by God to build a ROCKET! Noah doesn't know where he will get all the materials to build it. God keeps popping up supplying all the materials but Noah doesn't know that it is God. Read it to find out what happens just before and after they blast off! I liked it when Noah sent a spider down to earth (instead of a dove) and the spider picks up a mobile phone (instead of a branch) because it is funny. I don't think I disliked anything about the story. It is really good. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes reading - young or old. It is brill! As I have said before this book is brill. If you don't read it you will have missed out on something brilliant!

By Catherine Age 9 Mill Dam J&I

My book review will show you what I liked and disliked about Noah's Rocket. This is what happened in the story. Noah was walking in his garden and God told him to build a rocket so he started to build a rocket. He got in trouble by the police. I liked it when he went on the Internet, on a website he could buy any animal, because I wasn't expecting him to get all the animals from a pet shop. I didn't like it when Noah got locked in jail because he might not have got out to build his rocket. I think you should read the book.

By Olivia Age 9 Mill Dam J&I

This is a modern story of Noah's Ark. It's a very good book. The story is when Noah finds a big building he makes it into a rocket. Noah goes up to space and sends a little spider called Stanley down to earth to bring something back. It was a really good book. I liked the part when Stanley goes down to earth. I didn't like the bit when someone in a white suit came wanting to sell Noah a computer but everything else was good. Over all I would give it a 10 out of 10.

By Jessica Age 9 Mill Dam J&I

I am going to tell you about a book called Noah's Rocket. In the story God tells Noah to build a rocket so he starts to build it but the people say the telly is going fuzzy so he finds an office block the shape of a rocket and he goes up in the office block and the rest is a secret. I liked the end because it is funny but it was all good. I did not dislike any of it because it was so good. I really enjoyed the book and if you ever get the chance to read it you will agree. So it is up to you but remember it is brill!

THE TINNED POLTERGEIST (Mona the Vampire)

By Hiawyn Oram

Orchard Pbk £3.99

ISBN 1843628147

Age Range 7-9

Story:

A fun story about Mona capturing a poltergeist, which led to Charlie's brother setting up a stall of tinned horrors.

Comments:

An amusing little story, enjoyed by less able and brighter children. The flick pages were particularly good.

C. A. Muirhead All Saints J&I

By Elisha Age 9 All Saints J&I

Mona thinks that there is a real poltergeist, along with Charlie-knees, so they plan a trap to catch the poltergeist. But is there really a poltergeist? But Charlie's brother steals it and sets up a fake ghost stall. Mona is my favourite character. I like Mona because she has a good imagination and can stand up for herself. I like the book because it puts a unique picture, in your head, of a real poltergeist and Mona and Charlie trying to catch it. Other people should read it for a wonderful picture in their head and it is a lovely, ghost-catching book.

By Laura Age 9 All Saints J&I

The story is about Mona and Charlie thinking that there is a real poltergeist. They plan a trap to catch the poltergeist and Charlie's big brother steals it and sets up a fake ghost stall and Mona takes the lid off the tin to show how brave she is. My favourite character is Mona. I like Mona because she can stand up for herself. I like it because you get an image in your head and when you read it, it's just like watching a video. I would like other people to read it because it is fun to read and it feels that you are reading a joke and it would be nice for younger and older people to read it.

By Daniel Age 10 All Saints J&I

The book is about a poltergeist that moves everything in Mona's and Charlie's house. It is invisible so Mona, Charlie and Fang, the vampire cat, decide to make a poltergeist trap, after a while they catch it. They argue about who is going to keep it, Charlie's big brother comes around and they decide he can keep the poltergeist. Everything goes well until the Autumn fair for school, Charlie's big brother sets up a ghost stall. Mona is my favourite character because she is enthusiastic, she has got a very good imagination. She is always up for a challenge. I like

the book because it's easy to read, imaginative, good and I like the flick book corner. Each character is described very well. I think other people should read this book because it is easy to read, it is very imaginative, each thing is described well and the characters are great.

By Joshua Age 10 All Saints J&I

Mona, the vampire and Charlie think there's a real poltergeist. They work together to make a trap to catch the poltergeist. They caught the poltergeist and Charlie's brother pinched the poltergeist and set up a fake stall. Mona and Charlie got it and opened it and pans were floating. My favourite character is Mona because she's funny saying that there's a real poltergeist and she dresses up as a vampire. I like this book because it is fiction and I like made up stories, also it's funny and I like funny stories. I think other people should read it because it puts images in your head and I want other people to be inspired by it.

By Murray Age 9 All Saints J&I

The story is about a poltergeist that moves everything and screeches at people. The poltergeist is really hard to catch because it's invisible, that is why nobody believes in it, because it's invisible. When they catch it in a tin Charlie's brother snatches it off them and insists that he looks after it. But really I don't think that he thinks that it is real. My favourite character is Charlie's brother because he just takes charge of the poltergeist. Charlie's big brother thinks he is funny and 'the boss'. I like the story because it is an adventure story and when the poltergeist escapes I think it's really good because it is making everybody want to see what is next. Mona, Fang and Charlie all know that the poltergeist is real, but everybody else thinks that they're making it up. People should read the story because it is really interesting for children because it's all

about ghosts and catching them and that is what little children are interested in.

By Lewis Age 10 All Saints J&I

I think the Tinned Poltergeist by Hiawyn Oram and Sonia Holleyman is very good, it involves Mona the Vampire, Fang her cat and Charlie her friend, but he's also known as Zapman. It's about a poltergeist which keeps moving things around and Mona and Charlie are constantly getting screeched at for it, so they come up with a plan to trap it in a tin. This succeeds, but they give their tinned poltergeist to Charlie's brother and he attempts to sell it in a fair. Nobody believes it's real, but Mona and Charlie persuaded them by releasing it, everybody ran away terrified. Mona is my favourite character, she is daring and exciting to read about. Her best parts are where she puts her vampire suit on ready for action! I like almost everything about this book especially the spooky flip book corner. I love some of the adjectives the author has used and the characters are marvellous, you can create an image of everything that happens in this, in your head. I recommend this book for children between the ages of 6-9. It is very exciting to read about, it's quite funny, you never know what's going to happen next and it is also easy to read so I give this book ten out of ten, so get reading!!

THE LITTLE VAMPIRE

By Angela Sommer-Bodenburg

Anderson Pbk £4.99

ISBN 1842704443

Age Range 8-11

Story:

An interesting story, well developed characterisations of vampires and humans. Tony befriends a vampire and his sister.

The parents concerns about Tony's new friends leads to some inventive meetings.

Comments:

A good book, particularly enjoyed by the boys. Concerned about Tony being left alone.

C. A. Muirhead All Saints J&I

By Elisha Age 9 All Saints J&I

Tony goes to bed on a Saturday night when his parents go out. He is sitting in his bed, reading, when it's eleven o'clock and a show starts, the telly turns off and Tony meets a vampire and his brother and sister. My favourite character is Anna, Rudolph's sister, because she is a nice girl to say she is a vampire and she really likes Tony. I like the book because Tony's parents are always nagging to see his friends and get a bit of a surprise when they see them. Other people should read the book, because when you start reading it, you get so drawn into it, it feels like you're really there and it's really hard to put the book down.

LIVE THE DREAM!

By Jenny Oldfield

A & C Black Pbk £4.99

ISBN 0713668628

Age Range 7-11

Story:

The story is about a girl who has always wanted to swim with the dolphins but she can't swim. She is granted one dream (by her computer). She goes to Zanzibar and swims with the dolphins i.e. living her dream.

Comments:

Excellent story, really appealed to the girls.

Chris Braisby Streethouse J&I

By Dylan Age 9 Streethouse J&I

Live the Dream is a good story but it is for girls and could be better. She wanted to swim with the dolphins.

By Nicole Age 8 Streethouse J&I

I liked it when Zoe went to Zanzibar and she went on a boat with a stranger and saw the dolphins and she went up and down. Zoe's secret is that she cannot swim. Zoe learnt how to swim and I think it would be good for girls, I think it would be good for 9-13 year olds.

By Emily Age 9 Streethouse J&I

I liked the bit when Zoe picked the cowgirl because it was a good picture and I liked the bit when she gets the lasso and she swings it round.

By Abigail Age 8 Streethouse J&I

I liked it when Zoe went on the computer because she wanted to be a princess and I liked it when she went on the computer about her dream. When she's on the boat with the dolphins we find out her big secret, that she cannot swim. She got out of the boat and swam with the dolphins. I think the book is for girls. Zoe went on a dolphin's back then she got back on the boat. The book is for 8-10 year olds.

By Megan Age 9 Streethouse J&I

I liked it when Zoe was on her computer because it was funny when she was typing the words onto the computer. It is very good when she is chilling out on the boat. It was nice when the dolphins jumped, it was her dream. Zoe didn't tell the computer that she can't swim and she didn't jump in the water. She was embarrassed because she can't swim. It was very good when she swam with dolphins. I thought this book was for 9-13 year old girls. I give it 10 out of 10.

By Brad Age 8 Streethouse J&I

Live the Dream is a girl's book. I don't like the book because it's about dolphins and I don't like them. At first she wanted to be a princess then she wanted to be a super model and a cowgirl but she ended up swimming with dolphins. It was alright when they swam with the fishes.

ELLIE AND THE CAT

By Malorie Blackman

Orchard Pbk £3.99

ISBN 1843623919

Story:

Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her Grandma has ever met. When her father has to leave her because of work commitments, her Grandma switches her body with Jolly the cat's. As a cat, Ellie, makes friends with a mouse and a spider. If she finds her Grandma's lost ring before midday she will be changed back into a girl. With the help of her new friends, can she do it or will she be a cat forever?

Comments:

A lovely and exciting story, with lessons to learn.

Wendy Williams Newlands Primary

By Amy Age 9 Newlands Primary

It is very good and I think I will read more of Malorie Blackman's books. I love it because Ellie didn't like her grandma. Ellie is always not looking forward to going to her grandma's. Ellie has never been to school and hasn't got friends.

By Bethany Age 8 Newlands Primary

Ellie is very rude. Her gran thinks she is the most spoilt kid she has ever met. So her gran says she will teach her a lesson she will never forget! She switches her body with her cat and will not switch it back until she finds her wedding ring. She sees other animals on the way.

TALIESIN

By Maggie Pearson

A & C Black Pbk £4.99

ISBN 0713668431

Story:

Gwion drinks from the witch Cardiwyn's magic cauldron of knowledge and is reborn as Taliesin - Magician, poet, prophet, weather monger and trickster. Over the next 12 years Taliesin transforms the fortunes of Elphin, the unluckiest man in Wales.

By Laura Age 9 Newlands Primary

I thought the book was really good. It had an interesting story. I wish that I could be like the baby in the story with all the same powers. It is a very realistic story.

By Jodie Age 8 Newlands Primary

I thought it was a bit spooky but I managed it. I loved this book. Most people don't like reading but I love reading, like my mum. A man called Elphin was the cousin of the king.

By Liam Age 9 Newlands Primary

It was a very, very good story, especially when he finds a bag with a child in it called Taliesin. It was a very good story. I wish I could read it again, it was so brilliant. It was the best book I've read in my entire life. I wish they made another one

called Taliesin two. But I have to admit it was a very good story by Maggie Pearson.

NAG CLUB

By Anne Fine

Walker Pbk £3.99

ISBN 18442894000

By Chloe Age 9 Newlands Primary

Nag Club was good and the *Getting a Bit Nasty Nag* was my best nag in them all and when the girl called Lola got her boggle hat and no one has got one. So she taught everyone how to nag to get a boggle hat. Everyday one of them came back with one of the boggle hats.

By Lauren Age 9 Newlands Primary

Everybody wants a boggle hat but only Lola, an expert parent-nagger, actually has one. So she decides to teach the other children how to beg, wheedle and tantrum their way to getting a boggle hat too! Characters: Harold, Petra, Jack, Charlotte, Anna, Archie, Lola and Sarah. I liked it when all the children were staring through the window at all the boggle hats, it was really funny.

CLOUD CAT

By Caroline Pitcher

Egmont Pbk £4.99

ISBN 140520849X

Story:

A story of mysterious powers, in dangerous times. Jez tries to protect his brother Luka. When Luka goes missing, who will find him first - Jez or the witch-like Vaskalia?

By Sophie Age 9 Sandal Endowed Junior

The 'Cloud Cat' is an intriguing, exciting story about an unusual boy who knows he's different and is determined to find out about what knot has been tied in his mind..... Luka (the boy) has heard the cloud cat several times. One day when Jez went to the bakery, he slipped cautiously into the staircase to find a land of frost-like crust, the trees are covered with the frozen ice.

Upton Primary School's Top Ten

1. Spooky, Ghost Horse. Eleanor Allen
2. Tracey Beaker. Jacqueline Wilson
3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
Roald Dahl
4. Kipper. Mick Inkpen
5. The Third Class Genie. Robert Leeson
6. The Enchanted Horse. Magdalen Nabb
7. All For One. Jill Murphy
8. Ella's Big Chance. Shirley Hughes
9. The Twits. Roald Dahl
10. Sshh. Sally Grundley

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