

Book reviews by the 'Rave Readers' of Werneth School

A review on the book *Noughts and Crosses*

By Megan, year 9

Why did you choose this book?

I chose this book because a friend who had read the book told me about it and it sounded interesting so I bought it.

Did the opening chapter grip you?

Yes, it explained the relationship between the 2 families which helped you understand the rest of the book.

Was the ending Predictable?

No. I think the ending was good it left room for a sequel which there is.

Did you enjoy this book?

I enjoyed this book a lot. I couldn't stop reading it, it was so good. I think that the combined genres of Crime, suspense and romance really works for this book.

Is there anything you didn't like about the book?

No it was a great book all round.

Would you recommend this book to anyone else?

Yes the book is a great read as are the books that follow.

Would you read any of the other books written by this author?

I have all ready read the other books in this trilogy and Hacker. I enjoyed all of them. Malorie Blackman is very good author.

Firestarter by Catherine Forde.

By Suzanna and Rebecca, year 9.

Firestarter is about a boy named Reece and the neighbour's nephew, Keith, who can set fires. No-one knows this until strange things start to happen, for example, he smells of eggs all the time and the people he argues with seem to have fires. Reece is not supposed to speak to any child living next door, but finds Keith making friends with his little sister, Annie. She lends Keith her favourite doll as he has promised to give her a make over. When Keith gives the doll to Reece, it has had its face melted and the hair has been burned. Annie is really sad because of this.

The book is very descriptive at first as it explains who is who and what is happening, and there's a lot to take in. However, by the end of the first few pages, we were hooked!

The best bit of the book was the climax because it was very well written and the tension really built up. Keith tries to burn down two houses - Keith's and his aunties. But will he succeed?

Tim Bowler, *Storm Catchers*

By Jess, year 9

I chose this book because the blurb on the back sounded exciting and so did the title 'Storm Catchers'. I wouldn't usually pick up a book like this, but when I read the first page I was unable to put it down.

Fin leaves his sister alone at the house, thinking she can cope with babysitting Sam, but comes home to find that she's gone - kidnapped.

This was the best bit of the book but also the most chilling. It made me ask 'are we safe these days?' As this happened in the very first chapter, you're basically sent into an adventure straight away.

The plot thickens as the book goes on and you really do find that you can't put it down. I would DEFINITELY read another book by Tim Bowler!

Anne Fine - *The Road Of Bones*

By Elham, year 11

I chose this book because it sounded like an interesting book to read when it was described in the blurb. Normally I wouldn't read a book like this book and I thought that it was going to be something that I had no interest in.

The opening paragraph took my interest because it talked about how Yuri's grandmother talked of tales such as 'Fair Princesses and malignant dwarves'. I liked the last chapter of the book because Yuri explained about how he had grown from all that had happened to him and how he had become 'a man of conviction' but then he remembers his grandmothers echo of scorn: 'only a fool cheers when the new prince rises' (which Yuri's grandmother had said at the beginning as well) but then wants to get rid of the new Yuri of which he had become.

I really liked the last paragraph of the book because it explained how he was trying to deal with the new him expect he couldn't grasp the idea of a new beginning, and how Yuri's grandmother's scorns kept coming back to his head. I thought that it was really emotional.

The storyline was a believable (which I thought wouldn't be) because in reality people disappear/vanish and never have been seen again. The character that I liked the most was Yuri's grandmother because her words became true, and i felt like that Yuri's grandmother was the only one whom Yuri could rely on.

The ending wasn't predictable although it did leave me with wanting to know more!

I think that there should be another sequel and it should go like this:

Nikolia isn't what Yuri think he is - he is from another universe a parrell universe that need's Yuri's help BUT can they make it in time before both universes calapsed into each other and wipe out both worlds.

I willl try and find out books written by this author and see if the other books are just as nice as well.

Shipton, Paul *Bug Muldoon and the Garden of Fear*.

By Reece, year 8

Bug Muldoon and the Garden of Fear is a fantastic book with twists and turns around every corner. When a bug goes missing it's just an ordinary day but when the ants act suspiciously and the wasps change allegiance, something big's going down. But what?

I liked Bug Muldoon because it's straightforward and simple. Also, my favourite part is where Bug Muldoon is pushed into the river and the fish is going to eat him. My favourite character is Billy the Caterpillar who turns into a butterfly at the end of the story.

The thing I didn't like about this book was when Eddie the Earwig died. Everything else was brilliant! A book to be read again.

This book had me on the edge of my seat, gripping tightly. I rate this book 8/10.

My praises to Paul Shipton.