



## **Book Reviews**

### **Twilight by Stephenie Meyer**

*"This book is about a girl who moves home away from her mom because her and her husband are going traveling around the world so she is going to live with her dad and he is a cop. After she arrived her dad greeted her and showed her back to her old room from when she was little. Bella was enrolled to the nearest school in the area. Her dad had bought her a truck from his friend as like a moving in present for going to school. But she meets this boy called Edward Cullens and later on in the story she finds out him and his family are all vampires and she falls in love with him. They end up getting married and she gets pregnant and they have an immortal child but while giving birth she has to change into a vampire to be able to survive as the child was too powerful.*

*I loved this book as it had interesting dialect and different types of twists and turns in the story."*

**By Lucy Lloyd 9WIO**

### **Rebecca By Daphne Du Maurier**

*"The book is absolutely amazing! It wasn't really interesting at the start, and Maxim's attitude got to me numerous times, not going to lie, but the last few chapters changed all my perspectives regarding it as it actually got me gasping and questioning my entire life. It's about a girl, who is a lady's companion, who marries an important man as a result of her going to New York with her lady. She is faced with the constant reminder of the Late Mrs de Winter by Mrs Danvers, the housekeeper."*

**By Sarah Manu 9MCI**

### **Dork Diaries - Frenemies Forever by Rachel Renee Russell**

*"I read a book called Dork Diaries. The main character is called Nikki Maxwell. This character is a dork (but not in a bad way). In this story Nikki is being transferred to a school called North Hampton Hills International Academy for one week as part as a student exchange programme. North Hampton Hills (NHH) is a very prestigious school known for its outstanding students. Nikki's nemesis, Mackenzie Hollister started there 2 weeks ago. Nikki meets lots of different people at NHH, a new rival called Tiffany and a lot of people from the science club at their school. I personally liked the part when Nikki's little sister Brianna tries to earn her cooking badge and messes it up most of the time until Nikki and her crush Brandon help Brianna make mini caramel popcorn balls. My favourite character is Mackenzie even though she's a rival of the main character."*

**By Natasha Glenn 9BRK**

### **Epic Adventure – Tom Gates**

*"I think my book was good because there were lots of events in "Tom Gates the Epic Adventure" such as a party. The thing I like about it is that there is lots of animation and pictures to know what is happening behind the words."*

**By Vanessa Kodua 9BRK**

### **Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator by Roald Dahl**

*"It was such an amazing book and I never had read such a great book like it. The story was amazing and the way the story was written just let me read it even longer!!!! Now that I have finished the book now I can basically say a summary of the story in less than 3 minutes!!!! It was a great experience reading this book and it's one of my favourites."*

**By Awais Hussain 9BAR**

### **Antony and Cleopatra – A Shakespeare Story**

*"The book Antony and Cleopatra was about a man named Mark Antony that was seen as a high class type of person. During that time there was a Queen of Egypt that was respected by everyone and her name was Cleopatra. One day they both met and the Queen offered Antony to dine with her to eat and Antony agreed to go. There was a war going on and Antony left Cleopatra to go to Rome to help out in the war that was between Caesar's soldiers. Cleopatra had loved Antony but he was married to Caesar's sister Octavia. After the war had ended, Cleopatra had run away to hide because she was scared because Caesar and her tried to make a deal to have Antony executed. At the end of the book, Antony had killed himself and Cleopatra had a snake dug into her skin which is what had killed her. I really enjoyed the book as it was really interesting."*

**By Jose Malundama 9BRK**

### **The Worst Class in the World Gets Worse by Joanna Nadin**

*"I give this book 7/10. It was ok and kind of funny. I would recommend this book for children at ages 11-13 because it is easy to read and understand what it is trying to say. So, they would find this fun and enjoyable. The book was easy to read, and I understand the story."*

**By Himna Mustafa 11HAR**

### **Tom Gates - Epic Adventure by Liz Pichon**

*"It's a very good book and I would recommend it to you. My favourite parts of the book would probably be how unlucky and lucky he gets. Also, it has some pages that are blank for you to colour in or create your own doodles."*

*Overall it's an amazing book to read and most off the parts are based on real life like when he held an armadillo. At the back of the book you can see a picture of someone holding an armadillo."*

**By Jaskaran Banger 9BRK**

### **Tom Gates - My School Project - Family Friends and Furry Creatures by Liz Pichon**

*"While I was reading the book, the boy named Tom was in an adventure to finish his school project in time but he had to face a series of obstacles. I'd like to recommend this book to anyone who likes the adventure of a boy because there are many books of this author to read in your free time."*

**By Vanessa Kodua 9BRK**

### **Dead End by Michael Dahl**

*“Braden gets on the bus to go home from school he sits down and looks at his maths book and sees a big F, he wasn't concentrating on the bus, until he realises that no one else is on the bus. It is then he doesn't think it's the usual bus, he looks around and notices that the bus is dirty, he looks out side and everyone looks at one direction then he gets off the bus and there is a crowd he falls into an open grave. Everyone is chasing him then he runs to his next bus and all he thinks about is going home as fast as he can. The bus stops, the door opens, he rushes out, he peers out of the door, and sees his house. Sitting back from the street, Braden leaps of the bus as soon as he hits the ground he takes a deep breath and he doesn't care about the test paper in his hands anymore but to get home.*

*The author now gives us the information that Braden is scared of what was going on around him with the people. Also, he gave us the information that he was scared of his parents that he got a big F on his test paper and he said that he will just run away.”*

**By Daniel Pruteanu 9RES**

### **Dark Star by Melanie Joyce**

*“The book was about a key that had to fit i to a stone on a hill and Tyler got it from her grandma. I liked the girls name and how she had a mission to achieve.”*

**By Lena Nowak 7REG**

### **The Dying Photo by Alan Gibbons**

*“The dying photo was about a boy called Jimmy his mom and dad went missing when a photographer took a photo of them and the photo was of Jimmy's mom and dad looking scared then Jimmy wanted to find this photographer and get his mom and dad back.”*

**By Kimora Williams 7JAS**

### **The Ghost Box by Catherine Fisher**

*“The book was about a girl who had a dream of a tree in her room and then she tried to get a box after she woke up with the box on her cabinet she tried opening it, the brother switched the key. The ghost was mad that the box didn't open sarah apologised to her step brother at the end. I liked the bit where she apologised to her step brother.”*

**By Amelia Stolarska7LEV**

### **Ghost for Sale by Terry Deary**

*“The book was good it had lot of up and downs. The book was about a woman who bought an old wardrobe that had a ghost in it. It was a scam and had no ghost, so she lost all the money. I Really enjoyed the book.”*

**By Rachel Owusu 7ESM**

### **Toad Attack by Patrice Lawrence**

*“The book was good, at the start Leo saw a toad on a tree but it just bounced away to the roof of their house but Leo just thought it can't be real, that a toad can fly, so their grandfather just sent him to the school.”*

**By Sameer Sabharwal 7JAS**

### **Noughts and crosses by Malorie Blackman**

*"I have been reading this book called noughts and crosses this book is about black people (crosses) being in power over white people (noughts) also known as "Blankers". Two people called Sephy and Callum fight to be in a relationship together despite having different skin colours. I like all the plot twist and how much drama they have between families."*

**By Natasha Glenn 9BRK**

### **Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin**

*"My newest read was a book called "Pride and Prejudice." This book is about a family whose 2 eldest sisters were said to have 'rose above the rest' since their other siblings acted embarrassing, which tainted the reputation of their family. Since they had no sons, the house would be passed onto a male relative, so their mother wanted her children to marry into good families. I thoroughly enjoyed the part where Mr Wickham meets Elizabeth Bennet's younger sister, Lydia Bennet, and is paid to marry her, by Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth's love interest. After this moment everyone reveals their true colours and they all confess their feelings to each other, ending the story with all children married off to good families."*

**By Ellie May 8AHM**

### **Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney**

*"This book was very good. It was about a boy called Greg and at the start it talks about how him and his brothers lived when they were a child and how Greg had to wear/use every single thing his brother used/wore when he was his age."*

**By Priya Chem 8PAW**

### **Jon Quinn's Poltergeist by David Almond**

*"This book was very interesting and good. This book was about a poltergeist. A poltergeist is a another meaning of a ghost."*

**By Alina Mathews 8PAW**

### **The Rainbow Boots by Chris Powling**

*"The book was actually quite interesting and had many page turners and overall was a very good book it had adventure, cliff-hangers and most importantly it had a lot of life lessons such as lying will never get you anywhere. I especially loved the bit where Nadeem (the main characters best friend) said yes to his best friend even though what he asked him was very crazy but still decided to do it anyway because he thought of himself as a good friend."*

**By Hermona Fremkael 8AHM**

### **WAR STORIES: Home and Away by Jill Atkins**

*"I really enjoyed this book, as I am a person who enjoys reading as well as history. It was a way to find out about the individual experiences of some people who did go through terrific things such as war, so if you do enjoy reading diaries as well as history, then Jill Atkins is the author for you!"*

*The book is a diary, featuring Sophie, a messenger for a Resistance group in France; Kitty, a VAD nurse, and Edie, a young evacuee, forced to leave her London home and move to Wales. The overall message of this book is that not only men are heroes, but women can be too. Really worth the reading.*

**By Sarah Manu 9MCI**

### **Star for a Day by Jean Ure**

*"Lacy is a girl who does Clog dancing. Lola is a girl who does Ballet dancing. They both become friends."*

**Star rating 5/5**

**By Farha Choglay**

### **Pancake Face by Georgia Byng**

*"This book is about a girl called Alice. People call her pancake face because she doesn't have a nose."*

**Star rating 5/5**

**By Sidra Hamarrahim**

### **My Dog Daisy by Jean Ure**

*"This book is about a girl that really wants a dog, but her mom won't let her have one. One day she meets a lady and says that they can share looking after her dog. I really enjoyed this book even though it has a sad ending." **Star rating 5/5***

**By Zlayka Farooq**

### **Chocolate Wars by Andy Seed**

*"This story is about a dying chocolate tree. Some children try to save it because they love to eat chocolate. I recommend this book because who doesn't like to eat chocolate?" **Star rating 5/5***

**By Fatoumata Drame**

### **Shopping with Zombies by Stephen Richard**

*"This book is about a boy who went shopping with his dad to buy milk and bread. While they were shopping they saw a Zombie unfortunately the boy got bitten by the Zombie so he turned into one too."*

**Star rating 5/5**

**By Aliyah Liburd**

### **Zone 13 Time Forest by David Oravie**

*"This book is about a man who is lost in the forest. He doesn't realise that there is a ghost following him. I really enjoyed reading this book."* **Star rating 5/5**

**By Adam Hussain**

### **After The War Was Over by Foreman**

*"The book was about when the world war ended. It told you about what everyone did after the world. The book was ok to read."*

**By Lovepreet Guru 8GRE**

### **Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson**

*"I have read a book called Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson. I recommend this book because it talks about a girl named Andy, her experiences and problems with her parents divorcing and splitting up. In the end, she finally finds peace and stays with her mother once a week, then with her father once a week."*

**By Daiana Mancescu 8PAW**

### **The Chocolate Box Girls by Cathy Cassidy**

*"I recommend the book Wundersmith. It is about a girl called Morrigan Crow, which she got into a school for people with different powers and they are sorted into 2 groups. Morrigan is treated differently because she was in contact with Ezra Squall, most of the town is scared of him and he chose her to be a Wundersmith."*

**By Maja Majrowska 8FOR**