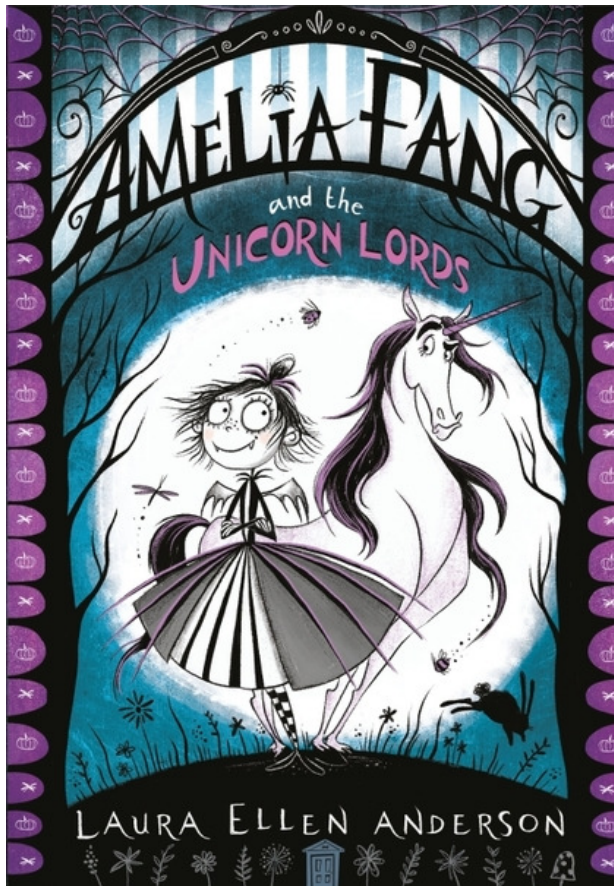


Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords by Laura Ellen Anderson

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Lovereading4kids members.



Edith and Emily, age 5 and 7

Lovely funny book. Right combination of farts and glitter to appeal to kids.

This was a hit in our house with my 5 year old and her 7 year old cousin. My 5 year old Edith loved the fact that it looked like a 'big girls book.' I thought it was beautifully presented with purple edged paper and shiny purple on the front cover. We all loved the very Tim Burtonesque illustrations. In fact, my 3 year old LOVED the pictures. Particularly Amelia's teeth, Florence and Fabio.

All the girls are massive fans of Hotel Transylvania so they are used to the idea of vampires as

comedy characters but the addition of fairies, pumpkins and unicorns meant the girls were in magical heaven. I read the book aloud to my 5 year old. I made some simplifications but it is great to read to kids....ample opportunity for a funny voice. Emily (7) read it herself and she loved it. The chapter lengths are short enough to feel she is making progress and there is enough action and pictures to hold interest. Another massive hit were the fart, poo, sweat and pus gags. It shouldn't be underestimated how much these appeal to kids....when Squashy pooped down the well, Edith cried with laughter!!!

Sam and Jack Radford, age 5 and 7

Magic, fun and adventures - a really good read! We thought it was great fun and would like to read more about Amelia. We have both enjoyed reading about all of the magical creatures. It is funny to see the difference between Creatures of the Light and Creatures of the Dark, and how they are all frightened of each other when they shouldn't be! Florence made us laugh the most, but we also like lots of the characters.

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Aggie Daniels, age 7

*Why are all the Unicorns evil? It's just wrong! I liked the ladybird idea, that was soooooo cool. **FIVE STARS from me. I loved this book.***

James McNichol, age 8

*Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords is about Amelia and her friends rescuing Queen Fairyweather. **It is an adventure story about vampires, unicorns and angel-kittens.** I liked the story but found it hard to read because of the characters names.*

Isabella, age 10

I think 'Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords' is a good book. It was a really fun and exciting book. I can't wait to find out what happens in the next book.

At the start, I thought it would be a boring book because of the way the story started. However it turned out to be a really, really fun and exciting book. I read it in three days and couldn't put it down. I particularly liked the pumpkin character Squashy, because it was funny and cute, even though it was supposed to be from the dark world. I liked how some of the pages were coloured purple and the drawings were quite funny. I can't wait to find out what happens in the next book.

Ellen, age 8

I am not a big fan of unicorns but this did not stop me enjoying this book. It is about a group of "dark" creatures who travel to a new world to try & find five kidnapped people.

This book was good and enjoyable to read. I am not a big fan of

unicorns but this did not stop me from giving it a go! This book is about a group of creatures who are said to be "dark", travel to the world where all the "light" animals live to try and find five kidnapped people. The "dark" creatures include a fairy/vampire/child, a rare yeti, a vampire child, a vampire adult, pumpkin and Grimaldi (a creature like you have never seen before). These creatures are friendly and helpful, but the Unicorn Lord is publishing books that make others think this is not so.

Rosie Watch

A complicated mix of characters and plot set within a world of good and evil, light and darkness.

I have reviewed many, many children's books as a teacher and have always enjoyed them. However I struggled with this one and found it hard to see the type or age of child that this book would appeal to.

I thought the underlying theme of the story, good versus evil was super and the pages came alive with all the characters and plots, but as a children's book I found it over complicated. I struggled to get my head round Prince Tangine La Floofle and Florence the oddly appealing yeti and all the other characters who came and went. The whole book was too busy, characters, plot, illustrations and font changes made for an over busy and rather manic read. I am sorry to be negative as the story ideas were great, but for me it was like an overcomplicated recipe. Think I'd prefer the steak and baked potato option. I hope my classes prove me wrong and that my happy band of form 5 reviewers love it.

Eve, Year 7, Thorp Academy

There was no hesitation to reading this book as the illustrations made the story come to life. Amelia Fang has a big heart and that is shown through her exquisite description and the creative, unique drawings of her, which have their own story to tell.

I loved the diversity of the creatures; it made the concept of the story very believable and it showed friendship and triumph as the writing created an exciting page turner. The detail of these illustrations were insanely well drawn and thought about very precisely. It was a challenge to put the book down: the well written words created passages of amazing lines. I love cliff-hangers and when I found out that this story had a second part, I was so happy to hear that I could buy the book once it was published. Even though I loved how well thought out the book was, I had a difficulty understanding some of the rather complex words which I had to look up in dictionary. I don't know if this is a big issue, but if this book would be for younger readers they may find it a difficulty to read a

small fraction of words. To conclude, I would completely recommend this book as it is an exciting page turner and so well illustrated. I would give this book 5/5 stars and have recommended it to my friends already.