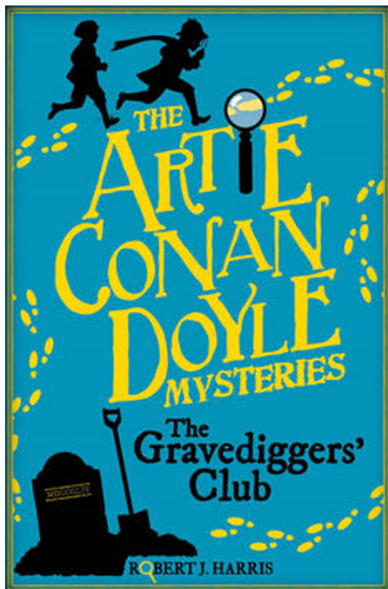


LoveReading Reader reviews of The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries The Gravediggers' Club by Robert Harris

Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.



Zoe Basson, age 10

This book is perfect for anyone with a love of mystery.

I found this book intriguing, exciting and unexpected. I loved that it is completely original take on Sherlock Holmes and that some of the text can be linked back to the original books. It is very interesting how the book is set in the past with a mystery but the heroes aren't that old yet. Over all, this was a very entertaining story.

Ellen Hall, age 8

This book is about a boy called Artie (short for Arthur), and a boy called Ham. When Artie bumps into a police officer, who sees him walking out of the graveyard, the officer asks him if he has seen anything unusual. Artie's answer is no. But he is actually trying to solve the mystery himself. Artie follows someone who he thinks is guilty but instead he finds a gravediggers' club. He and Ham follow the clues and find that this mystery goes back to the Crimean War. Then they find a letter talking about a jewel encrusted gold cross. Later on Artie finds a link to the mystery and the letter! Are the gravediggers after this cross? Can Artie stop the gravediggers before it's too late?

I loved this book and couldn't put it down. It has mystery and suspense, which is my favourite type of book!

Isaac East, age 11

*10 out of 10 for 'The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries'! 'The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries' is an excellent book written by Robert J. Harris. **It is a gripping read that makes you don't want to put down.***

This book is full of fun and adventure as you find out about a young boy embarking on solving his first mystery.

This book is about a puzzle loving boy and his sidekick, Ham, stumbling upon their very own mystery involving graveyards, cemeteries and dodgy lodgers. With only a couple of days till they get sent back to school can they crack the case or will it be too late? The boys find themselves on the trail of a lot more than they asked for including a nasty villain and historical treasure.

I enjoyed this book because it was always either interesting, funny or had you on bated breath the whole time! Whenever I went to put the book down I just had to read one more page, it was so amazing I was sad when it was over. I would recommend this book to young boys across the country (and girls too!) who love Sherlock Holmes mysteries or a schoolboy adventure. This is because 'The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries' are just like Young Sherlock and a great schoolboy adventure full of mischief and humour.

Lewis Briggs, age 11

A great adventure full of excitement, thrills and chills....but will the mystery be solved?

I found this to be a really enjoyable mystery adventure, full of excitement with some thrill and chills added in. Artie and Ham are two wannabe detectives who will help solve a mystery and go up against some dangerous things.

My favourite character is Ham, who helps Artie in his adventure. The best bit in the whole book is when Ham overcomes his fears and faces up to the massive hand of the main baddie, and in doing so saves the day, and Artie.

I'd recommend this book to all my friends!

Llew Harrison, age 11

Action... Adventure...Mystery...ARTIE CONAN DOYLE

Even before Arthur Conan Doyle grew up to create an amazing detective, he got up to a few adventures of his own.

Artie Doyle would never turn away from a mystery so when he discovers a list of graveyards in his lodger's pocket he's bound to be curious and soon finds himself visiting graveyards all over Edinburgh, slowly getting closer to solving "The Mystery of the Gravediggers' Club".

AMAZING! This book has a great balance of description, action, adventure and mystery while still being jam packed full of awesomeness. Robert J. Harris is an amazing author and I will definitely read more of his books.

This story starts straight away with lots of action which is really good but I do think that the start could have been a bit slower and even better if we knew a bit more about what was going on. Even with these factors I still think it's a book not to be missed.

Hector Davey, age 12

It was funny exciting and every page was thrilling. It had the right amount of humour and thriller. I would recommend this book to every one!

I loved every page and how the mystery was starring them in the face since the begging. I loved Ham, he was my favourite character because he was quite funny but really brave and loyal to his friends. I loved the bits in the grave yard and how it made me want to read more. The cornel was really realistic as if he was jumping out the book.

Nico Spahia, age 11

This great book is an interesting mystery story which has many twists and turning points including some scary parts! You'll want to finish the book straightaway!

This novel is all about a brave young boy named Artie and his friend, Ham. Together, the two boys explore the graveyards in an attempt to find out about the Gravediggers' Club. It also has some scary parts which make you shiver!

I really enjoyed reading this magnificent book; I have never read anything like this, its story is so fascinating. The genre is adventure and mystery, I would therefore recommend this one of a kind book to anyone who enjoys reading adventure/mystery books.

Overall, I think that everyone should read 'The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries' as it's such a fantastic book you will want to read it in one go!

Ross O'Gorman, age 11

In this thrilling mystery, we meet the author of Sherlock Holmes, as a young boy. Artie and his friend Ham are soon caught up in an adventure that involves villains, eerie graveyards and treasure.

*Artie and Ham have an unexpected holiday from school, thanks to a roof being blown off part of their school in a storm. At home in Edinburgh, Artie suspects his mother's lodger, called Warren is up to no good. When he finds a list of graveyards in his pocket, Artie is off investigating graveyards at night, dragging poor Ham with him. When several corpses are found, Artie notices that all of them have DC in their names. Later he follows Warren to the Gravediggers' Club and comes face to face with the villainous Braxton Dash. He only manages to escape with the help of Warren. Could he have been wrong about him all along and who is the girl they have seen him with? Is she really a ghost? Warren rescues him again when he has another run in with Dash, this time in Carlton graveyard. Afterwards, Warren introduces them to Geraldine and tells them everything, but there is still a mystery to solve. I really loved this story. The graveyard scenes were really spooky, helped by the foggy, dark nights. Artie and Ham are great characters and Ham really proves himself at the end of the story. The part about the Light Brigade was interesting and I could not wait to find out the ending. **I will definitely read Artie's next adventure.***

Kai Bryan, age 11

I thought that this book was an amazing story of the two boys going on a mysterious adventure filled with suspense.

The Gravediggers' Club is a fantastically exciting mystery story about two boys called Artie and Ham who become detectives. They take part in some frightening clue solving to find the truth about The Gravediggers' Club. I thought that this book was an amazing story of the two boys going on a mystery filled with suspense.

Sue Wilsher

Artie and his friend, Ham, spot a mysterious grey lady and giant paw prints in an Edinburgh churchyard and they become involved in investigating a puzzling mystery.

An intriguing crime story.

Artie is twelve-year-old school boy, living in Edinburgh, with a desire to solve mysteries. Whilst sneaking out to explore a local kirkyard, Artie and his best

friend, Ham, see a ghostly grey lady and find the giant paw prints of a hound. These discoveries lead them to find out about the mysterious Gravedigger's Club and Artie is determined to solve his first case.

Combing elements from some of Conan Doyle's most famous novels, 'The Gravedigger's Club' offers an exciting detective mystery, perfect for introducing children to the Sherlock Holmes stories. Historical details are woven into the story, making a vivid backdrop to the adventure and the mention of Greyfriars Bobby and the activities of grave robbers like Burke and Hare add interest.

Artie and Ham are both likeable characters and their friendship develops throughout the story as each comes to appreciate the strengths of the other. Family relationships are also well portrayed as are Artie's feelings as his father struggles with depression.

The first in a series of stories about the young Artie, 'The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries' are sure to be very popular with those looking for a fun and exciting read.

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Harsh Budhdeo, age 10

Captivating and a great adventure.

I really enjoyed the book 'Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries, the Gravedigger's Club'. I liked it because along the way you get clues but you need the final clues to understand the whole mystery. Also, Robert J. Harris wrote the scenes with such brilliant imagination, it was very captivating. Erebus, the great Mastiff, was described very vividly. My favourite character was Ham because at first, he was terrified and scared of graves and mysteries but towards the end he gained courage and was great help to Artie. I also like his nickname, Ham. The best part of the book for me was when Erebus got tamed by Ham with cakes.

Bea Whithear, age 10

Artie Conan Doyle wants to be a detective. When Artie and his best friend Ham see a ghostly figure and hear an enormous 'Aarrrrrrrrrrr!' in a graveyard Artie hopes there is a mystery to investigate.

I loved the first chapter of this book and knew straight away that I wanted to read more.

The descriptions were great - I could definitely imagine the foggy streets of

Edinburgh.

My favourite character is Artie's best friend Edward Hamilton nicknamed Ham because he loves food. Ham is a bit scared at the beginning of the book but has grown in confidence by the end. I think it is so funny that he carries food in his pockets.

I also loved Erebus who starts off as a baddie but he becomes good at the end. My favourite part is when Colonel Braxton Dash's dog is attacking Artie, and Ham turns up with a cake in his hand and says "Here boy, here's a treat for you". I really didn't know what would happen next, I thought he had lost his mind!!!

Some bits were scary to read and some bits were funny.

I don't normally like mystery books but this one was amazing!!!

It's a great mystery that only unravels at the end. Each chapter ended with me wanting to read on. I would give it a 9/10.

James, Year 7, Thorp Academy

This book takes place in different scenes and the layout of it is interesting. You also don't know what to make of the characters, if they are suspicious or not.

This book is about gravediggers and Artie tries to find out what happened and solve the case. As you keep reading on the book gets deeper and deeper into the mystery. Artie starts to point fingers at different suspects but the main one he has chosen is Warren. The main reason is that Artie starts acting as a detective is because he overheard some people in the church graveyard.

*What I liked most about the book is how the characters act in a certain situation. **What really kept me reading was the setting/mood of it. I would give this book a rating of 5/5 and it is a fairly long read so there are plenty of pages to read and enjoy!***

Iulia Motoc, age 10

'The Gravediggers Club' is great for readers who enjoy solving a good mystery. I enjoyed looking for clues about the mystery. I hope to read another one of these books with Artie and Ham.

'The Gravediggers Club' is full of adventures and made me want to solve a mystery myself. Additionally this book is great for readers who enjoy solving a

good mystery. I enjoyed looking for clues and reading about Artie with Ham tagging along to help him solve the mind scrutinizing mystery of the gravediggers club! Artie's shell is hard to crack as he persevered to solve this mystery. I hope to read one of these books again with Artie and Ham looking to solve their next mystery.

Emily Yates

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'Artie Conan Doyle, The Gravediggers' Club is a gripping mystery story set in Victorian Edinburgh, with the best part of the tale happening in grim, foggy graveyards in the middle of the night, the perfect place for suspense, mystery and of course blood-thirsty, giant hounds who have a strange love of biscuits.

Artie Conan Doyle is an adventurous, imaginative young boy who has read a few too many mystery books than is probably healthy. Unbeknown to him, he will one day write the famous book series Sherlock Holmes. Joined by his best friend Ham, who has a distractingly large obsession with food, he embarks on a dangerous adventure to discover the secrets of the deadly Gravediggers' Club, encountering a ghostly lady in grey, a gigantic hound and the widely feared criminal Colonel Braxton Dash.

This book is perfect for readers of Robin Stevens and Enid Blyton and people aged 7-13.