

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of
BEGONE THE RAGGEDY WITCHES
Part of The Wild Magic Trilogy
by Celine Kiernan

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



Zoe Basson, age 10

I found this book was filled with magic, wonder and suspense. 'Begone the Raggedy Witches' took me on a journey from the dull, grey world into a realm of magic and bright, bright colour.

When I returned, I realised the grey world wasn't so bad after all.

The book taught me lots of things, such as that family isn't always what it seems. People who enjoyed the 'Dreamcatcher' series by Abi Elphinstone will love this book.

The main character, Mup, is someone I think everyone can relate to. And so I think that this is a marvellous book that I really loved.

Romilly, age 11

WOW!! this is the most amazing story about a girl called Mup, an adventure across the boundary and the Raggedy Witches. This story shows that we should always expect the unexpected. BRILLIANT!!

WOW! This is a completely awesome book, I absolutely loved it and couldn't stop reading it. This is the story of a girl called Mup (Pearl) and her family. When her Auntie Boo dies, strange things start to happen Auntie can no longer protect Mup's mum from the Raggedy Witches across the boundary. The witches then kidnap Mup's dad to lure mum across the boundary.

*This is the most amazing story, along with Mup comes her little brother Tipper (Robert) and their dog. Along the way Mup befriends Crow and they experience the most amazing adventure. **I can't tell you how brilliant this book was. I loved it and can't wait to find out what happens next.... READ IT!!!***

Jasmine, Yr 7 - Thorp Academy

*The first few pages of the book were paced so fast I had barely digested one section when the next one started. Every word I read, I clung onto it as **it was just so breathtaking, the author makes the characters so real, it was like I had known them my whole life.** This is a fantasy book and though I do not normally like fantasy, I loved this book.*

The book is about a girl called Mup whose mother is the heir to a witch kingdom. Mup's Grandma, who is the present ruler, is a cruel and harsh Queen. Mup's family must fight hard to bring justice back to the kingdom. I would recommend this book to my friend as it is just the kind of mythical, creative and thrilling book she would enjoy. My favourite character is the present Queen as, although she is evil, she is very tough, strong and confident, which is what I always try to be.

Aoibhe Churcher, age 11

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Annabelle Cassidy, age 9

This book is a magical thrilling ride not letting you settle as you always want to know what's coming next.

'Begone the Raggedy Witches' is a book about a young girl called Mup, who, unknown to her, comes from a very special family. One night, her family's secrets put everyone she knows in danger, and she finds herself on a magical journey to save everyone she loves.

This was a great book, that starts with a thrilling dark drive for home and ends with a magical battle that threatens two worlds. Mup finds herself caught up in

events that call up dark secrets, that bring her new friends, and teach her who she truly is.

I could not put this book down, I was desperate to see the next adventure for Mup and her family in Witches Borough. I was swept up in the story of battles and magic right from the start. The characters are really brought to life in my head, and you really care for Mup and all her family as she moves forward. I would recommend this for anyone who loves thrilling, dark stories of adventure and magic, aged 11 +.

Libby Bridgeman, age 10

I love this book! Mup, the ghost of an aunty, her mum and baby brother must venture out to rescue her father from the Raggedy Witches! I rate this 5 stars!

This book is the best! From a little baby taking a form of a puppy to rhyming birds, this first of a trilogy is the best book I've read all year! The plot is simple, after years of Mup's mum being rescued from her terrible witch queen, the witches are back, and they have taken her dad! So Mup, her mum, her ghost of an aunty and little baby brother Tipper must venture out to rescue her loved father. They meet friends along the way, and reunite with some, and even create a new family. My favourite character must be Aunty, for she is a feisty old woman who is quite ill. I never read about her appearance, but I imagine her like a tiger, fierce and bold. The rating is 5 stars and my age recommendation is 10+.

Seren Daly, age 10

'Begone the Raggedy Witches' is a fantastic book with lots of exciting parts. It has lots of twists and turns which makes the plot thicker.

'Begone the Raggedy Witches' is about a girl called Mup. Her Great Aunty dies and that night she sees witches out of her car window. When they get home her Aunty comes back as a ghost and the witches try to take her Mam, but auntie stops them. The next day the Raggedy Witches take Mup's dad as revenge. Mup, Mam, Aunty and her younger brother Tipper travel into Witches Borough to try and rescue him. Along the way they make friends with lots of strange people and they make some amazing discoveries. It's really funny and exciting and it has a great ending. I recommend this book to children 8 and over as it has some parts which young children might find hard to read. This is a really great book

and I enjoyed it a lot.

Ross O'Gorman, age 11

'Begone The Raggedy Witches' is a really great fantasy tale, full of scary witches, an evil queen, characters that can turn into animals and a family whose mother is forced into finding her true destiny.

I really loved the mix of characters in this book and really felt for Mup as she journeyed, far from home, through Witches Borough with her mother and brother to rescue her kidnapped father. Along the way they meet the members of a tribe, known as the music people, who once practised magic and now are in hiding from the awful Queen and the witches, who are her enforcers. The Queen, who is actually Mup's grandmother, is frighteningly powerful and very wicked. Thankfully Mup and her mother are nothing like her. The book is a complete page turner as the story unfolds and reaches its stormy ending. This is the first book in 'The Wild Magic Trilogy' and I cannot wait for the next instalment.

Stephanie Chaplin, age 12

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The storyline behind 'Begone the Raggedy Witches' is that a girl was born in a magical land then was taken away as a young child by her Aunty. This girl grew to become a strong independent woman and had two children, a husband, and a peaceful, non-magical life. When her mother sends her followers to bring her to her rightful home, it's her daughter's turn to save her. This is where our story starts. This is where Mup meets the raggedy witches.

The main characters were Mup, Crow, Trigger, Badger, Mam, and Aunty Boo.

My favourite character was Crow because he tries his best to abide by the law but he is mistaken and forgotten about most of the time. Furthermore, he is caring, forgiving and always ready to put others before himself. My favourite part was when Crow went to see Mup when she was being taken away by officers because it shows courage and true friendship.

This book is most suitable for ages 10+ and children who love adventures, magic, and witches.

Ethan Watkin, age 10

A slow start but if you stick with it you will be rewarded with a really good, emotional story with likeable characters. I would recommend this book for early teen readers.

The final parts were really interesting and I really loved the book in the end. My favourite character was Tipper because his language was really fun as he often mixed up his words! I also liked Crow because he was stubborn and short tempered but very helpful at times and he was determined in his own quest.

Mup, the main character, is very likeable because she was very suspicious and was very emotional in her attempts to rescue her family.

*It was a challenging book to read because there was a lot of detail and descriptions that added to the story and you really had to concentrate to remember what was happening with the story and it's characters. Although it was sometimes hard to read **the author did a brilliant job of setting the scene and I could vividly picture what was happening.***

Llew Harrison, age 10

Aunty had warned Mup about the witches several times, she warned her not to tell her Mam or Dad but just to go straight to her. As Mup had just left Aunty in hospital she saw the raggedy witches chasing the car in the trees, she didn't know what to do but ended up just keeping quiet. Only later when her Dad went missing, her now dead Aunty's ghost came and her Mam nearly got taken away by the raggedy witches did she speak up. Before she knew it she was on an adventure to get her Dad back from over the border.

This book had a very good story line but sometimes didn't explain things very well and I got a bit lost of what was going on. At the start I was intrigued but when it came to the middle I started getting lost and not really knowing who every one was and what was happening. It was a good story and mostly exciting but the fact that it confused me was annoying.

***I found the story quite intriguing** but I did feel that it could of had a touch more description but was still reasonable.*

Alex Hall, age 11

*After several chapters the story grew on me. **The book is about a girl called Mup, whose dad was stolen by witches. Mup had to venture into a***

mysterious world full of witches to eventually save him.

Ellen Hall, age 8

This book is about a girl called Mup whose dad gets dad-napped(!) by witches. She has to travel into the witches world where is a queen witch. Can she rescue her Dad and return home?

Isabella, age 10

When I read the description of this book I thought it would be a really interesting story and it was. I really liked the story in the end and I think there are some really interesting parts.

I particularly like how the baby brother turns into a dog in the magic world. However I found this book quite difficult to read because some of the language was tricky and hard to follow. I found where the people had to speak in rhyme and others didn't really difficult to follow. However I did quite enjoy the book in the end but it took a long time to read.