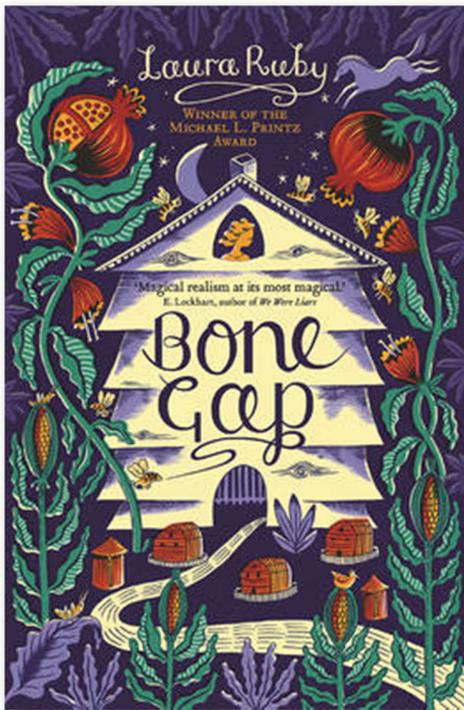


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Bone Gap** by Laura Ruby

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



Olivia Tierney, age 19

An enchanting and magical read, Laura Ruby's novel is an unforgettable and beautiful piece of fiction. Different and adventurous with exceptionally diverse characters, 'Bone Gap' is not to be missed!

I cannot overstate how wonderful 'Bone Gap' by Laura Ruby is. It's compelling and inventive and I read it in just one sitting!

The characters were fantastic, they are incredibly likeable in their own way and all have their own stories to tell which added great depth to the story. I was desperate to read more as a result and the author reveals information on past events slowly

to keep the reader guessing about where the story will next twist and turn.

Laura Ruby deserves great credit for the beautiful writing and structuring of the novel. I was fully engrossed in the characters' worlds from the first page right up until the last sentence. In truth, I didn't want the story to end but it was so perfectly finished that I have no criticisms whatsoever. Moreover, the concept was fascinating, completely different to anything I've read before, and the world building was also brilliantly created.

'Bone Gap' reflects on the dangers of being beautiful, how we see ourselves and the struggle to find your own place in the world. However, at its heart, it's a story about the love shared between two brothers who have grown apart in recent times, and are trying to find their back to one another. It's an epic rescue adventure and a lovely book with both steadfast and blossoming relationships.

Highly recommended, you definitely won't regret reading such a delightfully charming book.

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Humaira, age 18

I don't know how much more a book can get to you if you start having dreams about them. It took me less than two days to finish Bone Gap and in between I had a dream about it- I haven't been able to stop thinking about it since the first page.

*I feel like I rave about the book and after a while it dies down eventually but I think I will always talk about this book and Finn, Sean, Roza and Petey will always be with me. **Words can't explain how much I loved this book- It is my best read of 2016 and nothing can beat it.***

Izzy Read, age 16

Finn and Sean live in the village of the Bone Gap, everyone knows everyone and they are wary of strangers- with the exception of Roza that is. Roza appeared suddenly one day in their barn and has now disappeared just as suddenly to no one's surprise. Finn is adamant that she didn't leave like everyone said she did... she was taken.

***'Bone Gap' is a beautifully written novel that is sensual and magical and filled with hope and the essence of life.** It is a story that I could read and be transported away from my troubles with calming words-like putting on a warm blanket. The characters are well sculpted and do not always do the right thing. They make mistakes, which as a teenager is a very reassuring thing to see!*

What I love more than anything is the magic set in everyday that people just accept or even disregard. There is no moment of realisation in particular and that is oddly satisfying as it is just interwoven with the everyday.

Megan Abbott, age 18

Captivatingly good! Honestly, I have never read a book that is quite like this one and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

When a young girl goes missing, the people of Bone Gap automatically assume

that she has run away. Only the quirky, forgetful Finn knows the truth about what happened. He and Petey Willis (the beekeeper's daughter) are prepared to save her from her kidnapper. The story is so captivating and addictive that I could not put it down. I will admit at some points the plot can get quite confusing but persevere because it is definitely worth it. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good mystery with a hint of love and magic.

Aimee Sweet, age 15

*'The Bone Gap' is a unique and fascinating book that, can I just add, has an amazing front cover! I know covers don't mean everything but generally when you get a cover this good, with an intriguing title and questions left for the reader in the first chapter, you know it's going to be a good read. Despite it being an obvious young adult's book, it is relatively easy to read. **Ruby creates magic through the words** - every character and plot twist is there for a reason and this becomes more apparent as the book progresses. I really like the quote, 'the bones of the world were a little looser here... leaving spaces one could slip into and hide...' - I think this one quote depicts Ruby's beautiful use of language and the powerful world she creates with it. **Whimsical and fantastical, this tale is perfect for a winter's day read.***

Cesca Anderson, age 15

'Bone Gap' is incredible! The story is full of magical plot twists and the characters are scarily realistic.** Bone Gap is a gripping tale of love and discovery, and about finding out who you truly are. At some points it made me shiver with fear for the characters, while at others I laughed aloud. **I really enjoyed this magically realistic and captivating book.

Mariam Ahmed

***'Bone Gap' is a book where the characters are engulfed in mystery.** Roza is a girl who suddenly goes missing from the town of Bone Gap. While she was there everybody loved her but after she disappears most people forget about her, even though the case of her disappearance hasn't been solved. Sad but true. What can I say? -Meh, that's life.*

But Finn is one of the people who truly remembers Roza and is adamant to keep looking for her. I liked how Roza is portrayed as the life of Finn and Sean's (Finns big brother) house. It seems like without her the place is miserable and

grey and smelly. Which adds to the urgency you feel for her to be found.

The characters in this book are quite diverse and are portrayed well. I didn't really gravitate towards any of them as much as I was expecting though. The corn really got on my nerves.

Relationships are quite a strong theme in 'Bone Gap'. The author delves into platonic, romantic and abusive relationships between the characters.

I didn't really understand the reason or significance of Petey and Finns relationship escalating so fast to the point that they're having very intimate relations. I don't enjoy those kind of aspects of YA novels in general and feel like it's mostly added to appeal to the masses rather than enhance the story. I feel like 'Bone Gap' could have done without, and would have been better off, without all that jazz.

Jenny Duffy, age 23

'Bone Gap' is a book about love and beauty, what it means to see and be seen.

Bone Gap is a town with gaps, spaces you can slip through. No-one is too surprised when beautiful young Roza disappears. The O'Sullivan brothers have been left behind before, by their own mother. Finn is the only one who saw Roza's kidnapper, but he can't describe his face. He knows she was taken, despite the fact that even his own brother doesn't believe him. The people of Bone Gap have always thought Finn was strange, and this is just taken as another example of his oddness. Meanwhile, Finn finds himself falling for a Petey, another outcast. The townspeople watch on, wondering what such a pretty boy could possibly see in such an ugly girl...

Weaving together the stories of different people from the town, this is a skilfully written piece of magical realism. It is enthralling and exciting, and one of the most gripping books I have read in some time. The characters are well-written, the two storylines (Finn's and Roza's) are melded together brilliantly. The more minor characters are also interesting, and the sense of a small town mentality is note perfect. Not only is the mixture of fantasy and reality tantalising, but Ruby creates a poignant sense of family ties and resentment, of infatuation and young love, of self-doubt and self-worth. Bone Gap is a book about love and beauty, what it means to see and be seen. As it says in the book, 'People look, they don't see.' Unmissable.

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Sophia Ufton

This was such an amazing story! Loved it from start to finish.

Everyone knows Bone Gap is full of gaps, so when beautiful Roza goes missing the people of Bone Gap aren't surprised. Finn knows that's not what's happened with Roza. He knows she was taken..... Will Roza be found?