

LoveReading Reader reviews of

The Bookcase

An Emily Lime Mystery

by Dave Shelton

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



Amatullah Khatun, age 8

It was a delight meeting Emily Lime and we hope to read more of her mysteries soon. Dave Shelton has written a very intriguing mystery that will keep you guessing till the end.

'The Book Case' is a hilarious mystery about a girl called Daphne who's been kicked out of her old school. When a letter arrives inviting her to study at St Rita's School for Spirited Girls, her parents jump at the opportunity. Even before she arrives there you know something is definitely off about the boarding school. To say the girls are 'spirited' is an understatement - more like outrageous and

shocking. Here Daphne meets the loveable George (the only boy at the girls' school) and Assistant Librarian, Emily Lime. Daphne is annoyed that she has to interview for the Assistant Assistant Librarian post which she assumed was hers but it seems the librarian is off sick and has left Emily Lime in charge. Strange things have been happening at St Rita's but more strange things are to occur. St Rita's is described so well it almost seems like I knew it like the back of my hand. The characters are distinct and definitely memorable.

Amatullah liked the characters in this book, especially clumsy George and Emily Lime who can be described as blunt. This book was a challenge for her to read because of the length - she's used to reading much shorter books so I'm really proud she finished the book. As a long time fan of mysteries I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It made me laugh and smile at their misadventures and

experiences, and I whizzed through the book in no time. The drawings are great and complement the story well.

Lucy Collings, age 7

This is a school story, a detective story and an adventure story all mixed into one.

It is quite a long book. I am a very quick reader and this kept me going for quite a while. 'The Book Case' is an Emily Lime mystery. Emily Lime is a library assistant and a detective. She has to solve the mystery of a break in and a bank robbery.

I really liked the character George because he was really funny. It took me a while to get into the story but the second half I really enjoyed and it kept me wanted to know what happened next.

Robyn, age 9 and her mum

As a big fan of Mystery novels as a genre this did not disappoint. Agatha Christie meets Enid Blyton makes a mystery novel kids will love. Really hoping there will be more 'Emily Lime Mysteries' soon.

'A right rollicking read! The Book Case, An Emily Lime Mystery was a fun, fast paced detective novel. Set in St. Rita's school of unruly girls, (think St. Trinians meets Mallory Towers), new girl Daphne Blake, and George (the only boy in an all girls school) help Assistant Librarian Emily Lime solve a crime or two and restock the library in the process.

I really enjoyed this book, even as an adult reading a book aimed at children. It was well written, fast paced and didn't take ages to get going (something which really seems to put my children off books!). My 9 year old is now reading it and has promised to loan it to some friends too. We're looking forward to more Emily Lime mysteries.

Ollie Hopwood and Toby Hopwood, age 8 and 6

'The Book Case: An Emily Lime Mystery' has a lovely feel of an old-fashioned classic along the lines of Enid Blyton, but with a far more dark and mischievous streak more in line with St Trinians which will appeal to modern readers. The book follows Daphne as, following an 'incident' at her old school, she is mysteriously invited by the Head Librarian to join St Rita's School for Spirited

*Girls. When she arrives, the school turns out to be a crumbling heap where lessons are optional and the students are anarchic at best, criminal at worst. The Head Librarian has abandoned ship and the library has been left to the prickly Assistant Librarian Emily Lime and her fellow student George, the only boy in the school. Daphne, Emily Lime and George have mysteries to solve, crimes to foil and cannon ball holes to avoid, all while trying to survive being blown up in lessons and poisoned by noxious canteen food. The Book Case had lots of elements that younger readers will enjoy having read to them such as nearly-midnight larder raiding expeditions, unsupervised adventures and crime capers, but it's probably most appealing to the 9+ age range. **'The Book Case' is really funny and cleverly written. We particularly liked the brilliantly quirky characters, especially the terrifying Matron, a former wrestler "I am proper good at my job. When I make someone well they stay well. I don't think I've ever treated the same girl twice".***

Prisha Yadav, age 8

This is a different book with lost of twists and turns. I loved how the imagination in this book grew along with the pages.

This book is based on the story of girl caled Daphne who sets off to St Rita's girls boarding school. The School turns out to a disgusting place with holes on the floor and foul smelling food. I enjoyed reading how Daphne copes with all the awful situation. I also liked how Daphne and Emily loves reading books and I can relate with this. My favourite character was Daphne who was very good at being Librarian Assistant's Assistant. I also find it interesting the way George, Emily and Daphne worked together as a team to solve the mystery of Bank robbery.

<https://prishayadav.blogspot.com/2018/03/the-book-case-emily-lime-mystery-by.html>

Huxley Glen, age 7

This book was a great read. It was easy to read and I found it was hard to put down because I wanted to keep reading to find out what happened next. Great characters brought this story to life.

A throughly good read from start to finish. The story was easy to follow and captivated us throughout. The characters were written well and it made it feel

like you knew them really well. There was lots in the story to keep you interested. I hope there are more books like this.

Punam Shah, age 11

'The Book Case' has a remarkable story line. Emily Lime has a mystery to solve and quick. This book was a real mystery and I can relate to the characters as we like the same things. When I saw the cover I knew it was going to be great and I couldn't wait to read it. It hasn't let me down and I hope there are more Emily Lime books to come. A new girl arrives at St Rita's School for Girls, Daphne Blakeway, and is already causing chaos. The only reason Daphne has come to this school is to become an Assistant Librarian. On the first day Daphne makes friends with George and Emily Lime (the Librarian). However, that night there is a break in at the school library. A few months before, there was a bank robbery. Can these two incidents be linked? Will the three friends work together to find the criminal? Emily Lime has a very strong connection with books and so does Daphne. The two girls are very bright and have a sense of humour. George isn't as clever but has great enthusiasm for his job as an Assistant Librarian. All three kids have great fun together and have crazy ideas. All in all, it was an awesome read, I really enjoyed it.

Sam Radford, age 7

A great mystery with funny (and naughty!) characters that made us laugh and even gasp. Lots of clues and exciting events along the way. You never know what to expect next!

This is a great mystery! It grabs your interest even before Daphne arrives at the school. Lots of the characters are interesting but I love the beast in the library the best. I also think George is very funny. It kept me interested because I wanted to solve the mystery and I didn't know what was going to happen to Daphne and her friends.