

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Edge of Extinction** By Laura Martin

HarperCollinsChildren'sBooks

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



**Noah Hall, age 10**

***A futuristic dinosaur adventure,  
and thrilling page-turner.***

*This book is set in the future, two hundred years after dinosaurs have been resurrected. The dinosaurs have taken over the earth and humans have been forced to live in underground camps called compounds.*

*A young girl called Sky and her best friend Shawn set out on an adventure to rescue Sky's dad, who went missing five years previously. Sky is desperate to find him so they leave the compound with only a small amount of provisions. But what they don't know is that the compound's protectors, the marines, are*

*following their every move. Shortly after leaving, they come across something 'topside' which proves that everything they had been taught in the compound is a lie.*

*I like Sky as a character because, although she doesn't look that tough on the outside, she has a very brave heart. She puts her friends before herself and will do anything to save them.*

*I think this book is really well written. However, it ends on a cliffhanger, and some people might find this frustrating. There are clearly going to be more books in the series.*

*Read this book if you like adventure, and dinosaurs.*

**Sam Harper, age 11**

***Like 'Jurassic Park' crossed with 'Dinosaur Cove', the action was full-on, fast-paced and terrifying. If you love dinosaurs or action-packed adventures you must read this series.***

*Wow! This was action-packed and exciting from the very first page. It took me straight into Sky's world of the future where dinosaurs rule the land and humans are forced to live below ground. Sky lives in North, one of the 4 underground colonies in the US that were set up by the survivors of the Dinosauria Pandemic, the disease which wiped out most of the humans. Scientists brought dinosaurs back to life 150 years ago but with the warmer climate and more food they grew to double their original size and easily took over the world when the pandemic hit. Everyone thinks Sky's father, a top scientist, was a traitor. Since he disappeared 5 years ago, leaving only his old compass and an empty journal behind, Sky has been on her own except for her friend Shawn. But Sky has never given up searching for her father and when, on her 12th birthday, she finds a secret message from him with a map and instructions to deliver the information stored on a tiny port-plug, she and Shawn set out on a perilous mission above ground. As 'lunch-on-legs' they need to evade the dinosaurs although when they meet Verde they realise they're not all killers and Sky's journal full of dino facts is very useful. They also aren't alone and thankfully their new friend Todd is able to help them. But danger is everywhere and dinosaurs aren't the only things that are after them. Will they survive long enough to complete the mission and will Sky ever see her father again?*

*Like Jurassic Park crossed with Dinosaur Cove, the action was full-on, fast-paced and terrifying. I loved the mystery about the past and how the truth was gradually revealed and I can't wait to find out what happens next.*

**Josh Parcell, age 9**

***An exciting dinosaur adventure book. I loved it and could not wait to read the next page!***

*An exciting book about a young girl called Sky trying to find out why her father abandoned her. The book is full of intrigue and suspense and I could not wait to turn the next page! I would thoroughly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in dinosaurs and adventure.*

**Llew Harrison, age 9**

***AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Great book, it had everything, adventure, comedy, fright, surprise and more!***

*I couldn't stop reading, I was gripped!!!*

*AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Great book, it had everything, adventure, comedy, fright, surprise and more!*

*Ever since Sky Mundy's Dad vanished Sky Mundy has been looking for any evidence of where her Dad is. When Sky meets Todd she realizes that compound life isn't the only life and you can eat dinosaurs!!!*

*Great book, although I would recommend it for 7+ because for any one younger it would be scary.*

*Rating = \*\*\*\*\**

*It is phenomenal !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

**Alex Nicholson, age 10**

***I thoroughly enjoyed this gripping adventure story – I didn't want to put it down and I can't wait for the mystery to be continued in the next book...***

*'Edge of Extinction' is an amazing adventure story about two compound children; a 13 year old girl called Sky Mundy and her friend Shawn Reilly. The book features the two teenagers escaping from the underground compound where they live and into 'the unknown' for the sake of Sky's fathers' port plug. They need to deliver it to the middle of Lake Michigan as it carries secret information about the Noah; however some of the marines are tracking them down in an attempt to steal the plug off them, preventing the secret from being revealed.*

*Sky's father entrusts her with this difficult task during which she discovers life changing facts about a secret force called the Columbe. In the unknown world above the compound dinosaurs are stalking America; Sky and Shawn must face many terrible dangers whilst on this quest, though they have some help from 'above-ground' people along the way.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed this gripping adventure story – I didn't want to put it down and I can't wait for the mystery to be continued in the next book...*

*I would recommend this book to fans of 'The Jaguar Trials' by Ruth Eastham*

*and the 'Bear Grylls' survival series; it is a highly enjoyable read, which I would recommend to anybody who enjoys a good mystery story.*

**Alex Hall, age 10**

***The book was about a group of dinosaurs, which had taken over the world. The book was full of tension, action and danger, as the characters had to avoid running into the dinosaurs and soldiers.***

*I liked this book because it was full of adventure and action - two of my favourite things in a book! The book was about dinosaurs, which had taken over the world, forcing humankind underground. Two young kids Sky and Shawn, decided to adventure to the world's surface to find Sky's missing dad (who had disappeared without trace). They meet another young boy called Todd, who lived in a village with other humans on Earth (they had made the decision not to live in the underworld - known as The Compound). The story revolves around them running from dinosaurs, and also from soldiers from the Compound who were trying to re-capture them. The best part of the book was when a TRex, which Todd nicknamed "Big Ugly", tracked them down and they had to hide in the long grass until it walked away. This part was full of tension, action and danger.*

**Edward Bailey, age 11**

***Brilliant read! I want another installment!***

***I would read it again in a heartbeat! Would appeal to 'Jurassic Park' fans***

**Dylan De Los Santos, age 11**

***'Edge of Extinction' is an amazing adventure book filled with hopeless humans and dangerous dinosaurs. Fighting for survival.***

***This was a brilliant novel. As it had tense moments and tricky situations.***

*'Edge of Extinction' is a captivating novel that left me reading for hours on end. As the two main characters Sky and Shawn fight for survival against the Dangerous dinosaurs who roamed on earth. I was fascinated by the unique ideas that the author Laura Martin had. For example, I really liked the fact that there were two different worlds. The underground compound and topside. Also the novel is filled with tense moments and difficult situations were the main*

*characters were on the brink of failing or should I say getting eaten. Finally, I would recommend this book to children who like adventure books and have a wild imagination. I would rate this book 5 stars. Overall this book has kept me excited the whole way through and I can't wait to see what's in store for the next one.*

**Ross O,Gorman, age 9**

***'Edge of Extinction' by Laura Martin is a riveting read.** Scientists reintroduced dinosaurs many years ago and now they have taken over the Earth. Most humans are forced to live underground to survive.*

***I loved the exciting combination of suspense, adventure and danger in this book. It was action packed and I could not put it down.** The central character is a girl called Sky Mundy who becomes best friends with Shawn and they both live in an underground compound. Sky's mother is dead and her father disappeared when she was small and was branded a traitor by the people who run the compound. On Sky's twelfth birthday she discovers a letter from her father. Carrying out her father's wishes would involve a dangerous mission topside, into the outside world, where Sky had never been before. Getting out of the compound proves a tough challenge, but with Shawn's help, they evade the security systems and find themselves outside. The story follows their perilous journey to Lake Michigan, where Sky's father told her to go. Along the way, they have some very scary encounters with dinosaurs, they befriend a boy called Todd and they discover that a lot of the things they were told in the compound were not true and that there are secrets that need to be uncovered. The book ended a little too suddenly for me, leaving so many unanswered questions. I cannot wait for the next Edge of Extinction book to find out if they were successful in their mission and if they discovered the truth.*

**Alex Bateman, age 10**

*This book is about a girl called Sky, whose father has disappeared. She decides to go to the upper side of the world to look for him. The upper side of the world is filled with dinosaurs stalking them and watching their every move. **This book grips you from the start with action and adventure.** There are a few slow parts (which isn't great), but these slow parts are made up for with heart-pumping thriller moments. My opinion on the age area on this book would be 8-12 years old because of the mythical dinosaur topic and because there are some complicated words. In summary this book is full of action and adventure but beware...a few slow parts.*

