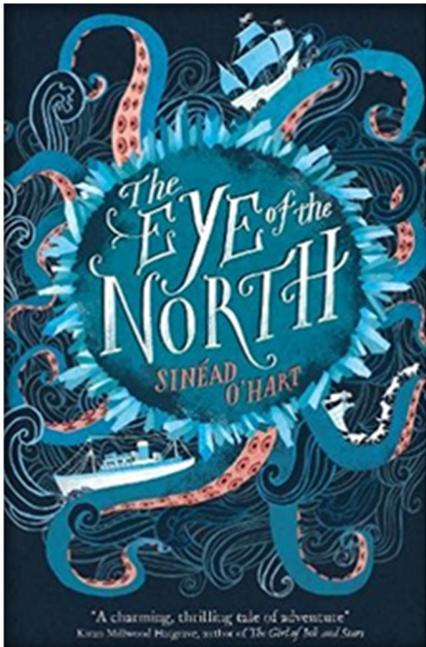


## LoveReading Reader reviews of **The Eye of the North** by Sinead O'Hart

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



**Issie Ford, age 10 ½**

***This book is exciting and dangerous. Characters you grow to trust betray you, and danger lurks round every corner.***

*This is a great book - it has lots of brave characters, some evil and some good. I like Thing best, because he will do anything to save Emmeline. He is a best friend you would want: loyal, brave and determined to save her at all costs. The North witch is horrible, cold and not somebody you'd like to meet in a dark alley! Meadowmane, the firehorse, is lovely and he is also very loyal. This book is amazing and like no other I've read.*

*It is an adventure, a journey and a myth that will be told hundreds of years from now, and loved every time.*

**Punam Shah**

*A heart-warming adventure full of twists and turns. Emmeline Widget is a girl who leaves nothing to chance. She lives in an old creaky house with booby-traps at every turn of a corner. One day when her parents don't come down for breakfast and Emmeline receives a letter, she realises that she is now an orphan as her parents have disappeared. After this incident, everything goes haywire and our heroine is to set sail for France. Realising her life is in danger, she knows what her priorities are – find her parents. Along the way, she meets a boy, Thing, who has no family. They become friends and agree to find*

*Emmeline's parents together. But there is one thing stopping them. Dr Siegfried Bauer. Dr Bauer is in search for a sea monster in the far North to gain power over the world. Unfortunately, other people are after this Creature too. But the young girl Emmeline, is the key to it all... In a whole new ice world, their lives are in danger and are being threatened. Can the two new friends stop Dr Bauer and the others from awakening this terrible monster? Time is ticking... With every turn of the page there is a new twist that entrances the reader. I loved this book as it was all about adventure and is also set partly in a dystopian world. The description for every human, every monster is amazing. **It is one of the best books I have ever read and is so imaginative and I am so glad I signed up for this book. This book is one of a kind and has an amazing story line. You need to read it to experience the adventure of a lifetime.***

**Emily Golding, age 10 1/2**

***Wicked! Literally ace! O'hart is so great at weaving this story together, she might be a spider! EPIC!!!***

*I haven't read a book like this in a long time. It's quite possible this will become one of the classics ( i.e. Harry Potter ). Emmeline Widget is a daring heroine and is just amazing. Thing is cheeky and interesting. Dr Seigfreid Bauer is plain evil and the monster even more deadly. I'm not a spoiler, but this is an epic read!*

**Seren Daly, age 10**

***This book is amazing, funny and is for everybody to enjoy. I couldn't put it down.***

*Is about a girl called Emmeline Widget after her parents are captured she's sent away to France to meet her new guardian Madame Berinice. On the cruise ship she makes friends with a boy called Thing. Thing and her embark on a exiting yet terrifying adventure. With lots of twists and turns it's sure to make you laugh cry and smile as you follow Emmeline and Things journey into the ice. I recommend it to anyone over eight as most will enjoy it has loads of twists and exiting characters. My favourite thing about Emmeline was that she relies on her satchel for everything so is in a twist when she loses it. This is a amazing book and I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I did.*

**Aoibhe Churcher, age 11**

*Sinéad O'Hart should be proud of this amazing book! **It was charming, thrilling and brilliant!! I would recommend this book for children between the ages of 8 to 10.***

**Alexander Bisland, age 12**

*Emmeline's parents are always away on business trips and they always bring home strange and dangerous creatures. Emmeline is usually prepared for anything but when her parents go missing, she can't change what would happen next. So, she finds herself on a ship to France where she discovers a stowaway called Thing. Soon, they become the best of friends. It turns out Dr. Siegfried Bauer (the person who kidnapped her parents) doesn't only want her parents – he wants her too and he'll do anything to get her! Does Emmeline get captured? Why does he want her? Why is Thing a stowaway? Read the book to find out!*

*I found this book quite slow as I am not particularly interested in mythical stories or monsters but I carried on reading it, which I'm glad I did as I and **think it had a great ending. I recommend it to 12+ readers who enjoy magical stories.** I give it 4\*\*\*\*.*

**Amina Hassan, age 11**

***Emmeline is an amazing character. I loved Sinéad O'Hart's imagination and the characters. This book managed to be heart warming, sad, funny and hard to put down all at once. I loved this book.***

*I absolutely loved this book. I loved how she made friends with someone who wasn't really anybody on the ship. I was spellbound by the story and didn't want to put it down. I felt like I was on the journey with Emmeline and Thing. I felt Sasha's heartache when Edgar stayed behind to fight. I loved that there was two perspectives. I found it funny that Thing stored names so he could name himself when he found a name he liked. I wished that I could of made friends with the amazing horse. I also loved that Emmeline carried around things to keep her safe and a book. This book is an amazing book altogether and I loved it. My favourite characters were Emmeline, Thing and the son of the god horse.*

**Harsh Budhdeo, age 10**

***Amazing descriptions, great story. A definite page turner...***

*I really enjoyed the book, 'The Eye of the North'. My favourite character was the Kraken which was only introduced at the end but Sinead Ohart described the ferocious beast so well it became my favourite character. Overall the book was nice and I liked how the author separated the end with Things point of view, Edgars, Emmeline and the cruel Dr Bauer's. In the first few pages, the author described Emmeline feelings really well. Also, I liked how Sinead described the creatures like Medowmane because that helped me picture the beautiful horse in my head.*

**Lewis, age 11**

***An exciting book about a girl and her parents getting kidnapped by an evil maniac who wants to use them to help wake a mythical creature. Hard to put down but some parts I found difficult to understand.***

*This book is about a girl, called Emmeline, whose parent's get kidnapped. She goes to Paris, by boat, but the boat gets hijacked and she also gets kidnapped by an evil maniac called Dr Siegfried Bauer. He wants to wake a mythical creature, Kraken, from eternal sleep and uses Emmeline's parents to help him. This is a very exciting book, full of information, some of which I had difficulty understanding at time. Overall I will give it 6/10.*

**Ross O'Gorman, age 11**

***An exciting, fast-paced adventure, with a great cover, packed to bursting with adventure, secrets, magic, mythical creatures, villians, an ice witch and an unlikely hero.***

*There are lots of enjoyable elements in this book. I liked the overall plot, even if it did get a bit complicated and drawn out here and there. At the beginning, we meet Emmeline, who has been brought up to trust no one, not even her parents. They are off on expeditions most of the time, or so she thinks. They really work for a secret organisation called the Order of the White Flower, tasked with stopping the evil Dr. Siegfried Bauer from waking the mythical Kraken, in order to gain eternal life. When Emmeline's parents go missing, she has to leave*

*immediately for a safe house in Paris. I did not understand why no one went with her, for protection. On the boat, she meets a stowaway called Thing, who I really liked, but I wish the author could have found him a better name. After a few hours, Thing is risking his life to unsuccessfully stop Dr. Bauer's thugs from kidnapping Emmeline. The story splits in two here as the main characters are separated and the story continues, told from each of their perspectives.*

*Emmeline bravely sets her mind to rescuing her parents. She has to be rescued a few more times and along the way encounters mythical horses and a horribly scary ice witch. The ending is hugely exciting, although it's a bit predictable and rather crowded. Overall, I would recommend this book to lovers of big adventures and I would definitely read a sequel.*

**Ellen Hall, age 8**

***This book is about a girl called Emmeline who goes on a voyage to France.***

*Whilst onboard, Emmeline gets kidnapped by a man who wants to wake up a creature he believes can make you immortal....*

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*I found hard to get into this book, I found myself distracted by other reads and couldn't get gripped by this book.*

**Kai Bryan, age 11**

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