

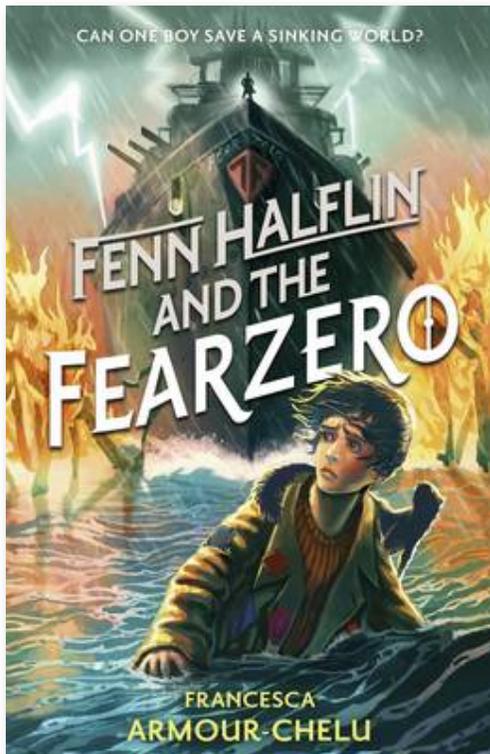
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Love reading 4kids Reader reviews of **Fenn Halflin and the Fearzero** by Francesca Armour-Chelu



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Below are the complete reviews, written by the Love reading 4kids members.



Cally Evans, age 10

So good you won't put it down until you've finished it!

Fenn is an ordinary boy who lives with his grandfather Halflin on the East Marsh. Then the dreaded Fearzero comes and Fenn has to leave and go out in to the world. This is a story of his adventures in the world surviving, sneaking, working and planning. Of friendship, courage and secrets.

If you like stories of adventure and courage and friendships this is the book for you.

The reason I liked this book was because it was an exciting read full of suspense and a book you have to get to the very

last page of before you can put it down.

Ross O'Gorman, age 9

This book will appeal to lovers of fantasy and adventure. The central character Fenn lives with his Grandfather, Halflin who saved Fenn's life as a baby.

Fenn and Halflin live in a world where the waters are constantly rising and where everyone is terrified of the Terra Firma, which is controlled by Chilstone and his Fearzero ship called the Warspite. Halflin is disliked because he works for them scuttling boats.

Fenn's early life is very boring and confined to the walls of Halflin's hut as he is not allowed out in case the Terra Firma find him. Unknown to Halflin however, Fenn is unable to resist going for secret swims.

One night everything changes for Finn when the Warspite ship appears in the distance and Halflin sends Fenn away on a ship bound for the West Isle Marsh where Halflin says he will be safe. However the ship's captain is afraid of being found with Fenn and they abandon him in the Shanties, a foul and desolate place where everyone is starving.

Fenn makes friends with some other children and he slowly discovers his true identity and why Chilstone is hunting him. Fenn, his new friends and his mongoose Tikki, have to find a way off the Shanties and escape from some evil characters. Fenn is determined to fight with the Seaborn Resistance and defeat Chilstone and the Terra Firma.

I found parts of this book to be quite sad and wretched and I was really hoping everything would turn out ok for Fenn.

Maya Watson, age 10

I really enjoyed this book about a boy who has a big secret which forces him out of hiding into the open. I can't wait for the second book to come out!

Fenn Halflin is a boy who lives with his grandfather but who has to hide constantly because no-one else knows about his existence. His big secret forces him out of hiding. Amber is a girl who lives inside a fort but who is constantly in fear of flooding due to the levels of the sea. She has to sell her hair to be able to eat. I really liked her as well as Comfort because they are really nice to Fenn. The main themes are fear and friendship as well as Fenn's love for his grandfather. I think there will be a second book because of the ending and I am really looking forward to that as I enjoyed this book.

Kai Bryan, age 10

This book is an action packed adventure story which I really enjoyed and found very exciting to read.

It is about a boy named Fenn Halflin who is being hunted down by the evil Fearzero because he is the last of the seaborn which are thought to carry diseases. Fenn Halflin has to try and stay alive while trying to save a world

which is sinking.

My favourite part of the book is when they try to escape Niles plan and get to east marsh. I found that part of the book very exciting.

I enjoyed this book and I think it is a very good read and I would say it is sad at points but there are also happy and scary parts.

Alice East, age 11

'Fenn Halflin and the Fearzero' is a thrilling book about a flooded world and the fight to live on the small bit of land that is left. Join Fenn on his exiting adventure in this action packed book.

I really liked this book a lot because it was so exiting and it just made you read on and on until the book was finished. I thought this book had an extremely good plot and brilliant description. People who like the 'Alex Rider' series would like this because it is jam packed with action like those books.

This book was different from any other book I've read. Francesca Armour-Chelu has definitely put loads of thought in to this book. The characters are different as well, they have unusual names and personality. I'm looking forward to read more books by Francesca Armour-Chelu. To be honest I would definitely rate this ten out of ten.

Sam Harper, age 11

Destined to start a revolution, Fenn is forced to run for his life in this totally gripping adventure set in a watery, futuristic world.

In a world of rising sea levels, the Terra Firma is an evil organisation taking control of everything with only a small resistance standing in its way. When the last two members of the Demari family, the leading family of the Resistance, are captured only their newborn son Fenn survives. Hidden in their barge, he is found and raised by Halflin as his grandson. One morning, 13 years later, Fenn's location is discovered by one of the Terra Firma's Fearzero ships and so he goes on the run. Halflin manages to get him aboard the Panimengro, an illegal trading ship, but before he leaves he tells him that Fenn is a Seaborn, a person born at sea with mutations like webbed toes, and that he is destined to start a revolution which is why the Terra Firma are after him. Hidden below deck, Fenn is safe with the Sargassons and whilst sorting through their flotsam and jetsam he makes friends with a starving 'not-an-otter'. But the Fearzeros

are still searching for him so Fenn is dropped off in the Shanties, a slum of 7 old sea forts like interlinked boxes raised on stilts. Full of anyone on the wrong side of the Terra Firma, at first the people suspect he is a spy because of his perfect teeth however Nile and Mrs Leach take him in along with their other orphans who catch rats and gulls to eat and sell. But can Fenn trust them? With the Terra Firma increasing their sweeps of the Shanties to find the last Demari, Fenn is forced to run for his life again.

Totally gripping, this kept me hooked from page one and some scenes were so exciting that I couldn't put it down. I loved the similar themes to 'Star Wars'. It made me want to know what happened before this book so a prequel would be great.

Edward Bailey, age 11

Definitely not my favourite book in the world, could do with improvements but I can accept it. This installment is probably not my favourite. It would not be my first choice to recommend or read to people. I give it 2/10.

Stephanie Chaplin, age 9

My favourite part was when Fenn started picking the black bits out of his 'Rice 'n' coconut milk' because it reminded me about how fussy my sister is with her food and just made me laugh. My favourite character is Fenn because he is curious about everything. The book is about a boy who doesn't know anything about his past or parents. He was rescued as a baby by an old man. This man knew the boy's secret instantly just by the look of him, but the boy doesn't know it for himself. Will the boy ever find out his own secret? Will the old man ever tell him anything? Can one boy save a sinking world? **I recommend this book for ages 10+ because some of the words were difficult and some parts were hard to understand.** I loved reading this book with my father and can't wait to read and review my next book.