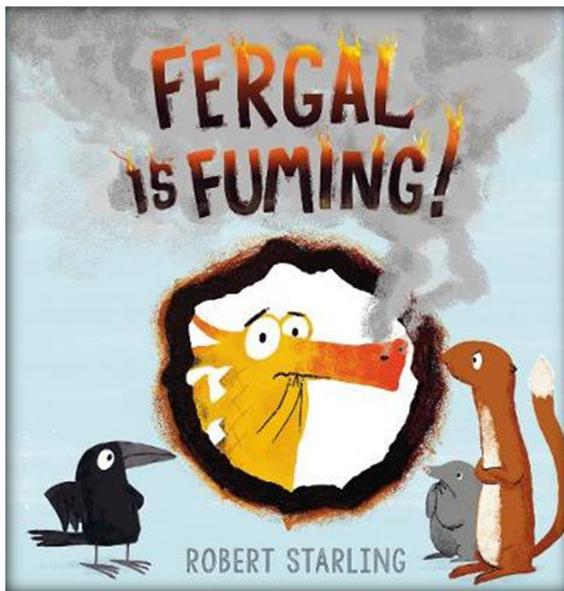


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Fergal is Fuming** by Robert Starling

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



**Aidan, age 5 and his mum Sarah**

*Fun and engaging for a 5 and 2 year old. A great story about dealing with emotions.*

**Aidan**

***I really like this book.** When Fergal the dragon is fuming, he is naughty and sets things on fire. He learns how to calm down and say sorry. **This is a funny story and a happy ending.** The pictures are colourful and funny and all the animals look good. My favourite part was when he used his fire to do*

*something nice for his friends instead of causing trouble!*

**Aiden's mum, Sarah**

*My five-year-old read this alone and enjoyed it. **We also read it to his two-year-old brother and it worked well for them both. They loved the idea of Fergal setting fire to everything and it was a great way to start a discussion about emotions, reactions and responses.** My two-year-old did start trying to breath fire over me when I said it was bedtime and he had to put the book away though! I'll take that as him enjoying it! Fun and engaging for us all!*

**Abidah & Amatullah Khatun, ages 2 & 7**

*Fergal is a little dragon who gets angry very easily which is not a great combination as his friends and family find out. Whenever Fergal gets upset or doesn't get his way his fiery temper has disastrous consequences. Finally his*

friends have had enough and after some advice from his mother he does a bit of thinking.

***This is a really nice book, not only because of the loveable characters and beautiful illustrations but I loved the message in the book.***

*Both Amatullah and Abidah enjoyed the story. Abidah is two and has recently started talking and she liked repeating some of the words. **She especially loved the front cover and wanted to keep her face through the cut-out and make all the different faces Fergal was making.***

**George Haine, age 5**

***I like this book because Fergal keeps burning everything and that's funny! Fergal gets really cross and his mum tells him to count to 10 – that's a good idea! This book is BRILLIANT!***

**Ian Eagleton - Teacher**

***A delightful, amusing picture book about managing your feelings and what to do when your anger seems to bubble over.***

*Poor Fergal the dragon is always getting fired up! Whether it's at football, when he's asked to eat his vegetables or even at the bakery, Fergal just cannot seem to control his anger. When his friends have finally had enough of his fiery outbursts, he turns to his Mum for some advice. Gradually, through hard work, Fergal begins to win his friends back and discovers that dragons can use their fiersome flames in a much more creative, fun way!*

*A delightful picture book about managing your feelings and what to do when your anger seems to bubble over. Fergal is a wonderful creation - cute, expressive and easy to like. **Colourful illustrations complement this quirky story, that's sure to amuse younger children, whilst teaching them a valuable lesson.***

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**Elissa Watkin, age 5**

*Fergal is an angry dragon who struggles with temper tantrums. He burns his friends buns and ruins party's with his ferociou fire when he loses his temper. Great book with a good message for kids.*

*Fergal is fuming is a good book and it tells the story of an angry Dragon (Fergal).*

*When someone tells him what to do Fergal feels fiery and as the story goes on you get to learn how fergal copes with his temper tantrums.*

***This is a lovely book with amazing pictures that support the story which is enjoyable whilst delivering a good message to younger readers.***

**Abbie Collings, age 5**

***Fergal the dragon keeps burning everything up by mistake but he learns to control his anger and finds out there are much more exciting things to do with his fire!***

*Fergal is a little dragon that accidentally turns everything to ashes around him by burning things when he gets angry. Poor Fergal doesn't know what to do but he learns from his mum and other animals some different ways he could try to calm down.*

*I liked the hole in the front cover that Fergal has burned and the funny sound effects when he unfortunately lets his anger of the better of him.*

*I think I might try making a big noise when I feel angry like wolf does in the book.*

**Abbie's mum**

***This book tackles a difficult subject - handling strong emotions- in an appropriate, simple and very clever way. Fergal the dragon is a very appealing character and it has certainly been great for us in helping give Abbie a way to talk about what to do when she feels cross.***

**Jack Radford, age 5**

***What a fun book - it led to giggles, but also some thoughtful conversations about what it's like to be angry.***

*I thought that this was a great book! I liked it when Fergal learned how to stop being fiery - he kept blowing things up! It was so funny. It's one of my favourite picture books, I think.*

*Mummy thought it was a brilliant book to use to start discussing emotions and what to do if you're feeling angry. The illustrations were fun and Fergal loveable!*

You can follow Jack's mum Emma on Twitter: @EmmaRadford4

**Edith and Cecilia, age 4 ½ & 2 ½**

***Lovely book about finding a way to calm down when it all gets a bit much. Both my children loved it and now have their own ways to calm down, unfortunately, counting to 70 takes a while.***

*Firstly, they both loved the front cover. Ceci in particular thought it was hilarious that Fergal had burned a hole through the book. We had quite a fun discussion about what made Fergal so angry that he had to burn our copy of the book and if it was just our book he had burned or 'every book in the whole wide world.'*

*The pictures are lovely. The pages aren't too busy which I often find can distract children when reading a new book. There is no feeling of sensory overload. Both girls were very interested in Fergal becoming angry when he was called to have his tea, and the cry of "it's not fair" when being asked to eat their vegetables is very common in our house. As a result both girls identified with Fergal so the message of the story (finding a way to calm yourself down when things annoy you) was very pertinent. Edith decided she liked the idea of counting... "counting to 10 isn't long enough for me mummy. I need to count to 70." Ceci has now decided to dance when she gets angry.*

*It is also worth mentioning that Ceci really liked the pictures of Fergal's mum and dad. She was particularly affected by the picture of Fergal crying and his mum comforting him.*

***Brilliant book and a favourite in our house.***

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