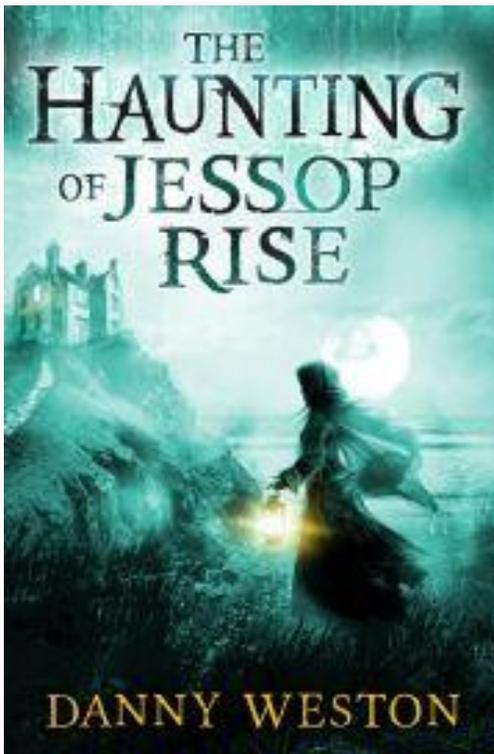


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# LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Haunting of Jessop Rise** by Danny Weston



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



**Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 14**

*A young boy is invited to live with his uncle after his father dies and when he arrives he discovers some things are not right.*

*I liked how the book didn't just revolve around the ghosts but other story lines as well. **I loved the characters and the way they interacted with each other.** I enjoyed the ending with the plot twists and how the story was all wrapped up.*

*I would like to read more about the future of William and Toby.*

**Khadijah Ahmed, age 20**

***Welsh mythology combines with universal spooks in this atmospheric tale filled with mystery and danger.***

*Danny Weston writes competently using good, structured prose, a variety of individual characters to like and dislike, and a solid plot. The overall feel of the story is similar to his first book 'The Piper', only it's a little meatier, a little spookier and a little more intriguing.*

### **Emily Price, age 13**

*It's about a young boy who's tragically lost his father, and starts to witness strange happenings inside of Jessop Rise. The dark secret that the mansion hides, creates a huge shock for William. **There's not been one point in the book that I haven't been on the edge of my seat with. I really recommend this book from the 12+.***

### **Edel Waugh**

*This is the story about a young orphan boy called William who is living in a workhouse when one day he is summoned and told his uncle has requested that he can come live with him, so off he goes to his new life in Wales.*

*It's not very long at all until young William realises that there is much more to his new home than meets the eye and especially the dark and menacing Uncle Seth.*

*The story has good and bad guys, and for the first half of the book I was trying to figure out who was who. I loved the history of Jessop Rise, the large and imposing house and it's dark and eerie past as well as the mystery surrounding his uncle's wife. I read this very fast as I was eager to know who was hiding what.*

***This is the perfect read for those who like mystery, eerie settings and a main character who has a good dose of curiosity. Loved this! Read it on a dark and stormy night.***

### **Mariam Ahmed**

*The Haunting of Jessop Rise was a great read. I really liked the plot, it was very gripping and unlike any mysteries that I've read so far (which isn't many, if I'm honest). I especially approved of the way the story unravelled with small clues here and there that gave an indication but didn't completely blow it.*

*I often find with mysteries that the authors lay out the foundation of the mystery in the beginning and then progress to catch the culprit but The Haunting of Jessop Rise had many surprising plot twists – so get your popcorn ready! What I enjoyed the most was the feeling of having achieved something each time the main character, William, discovered something new.*

*The characters in The Haunting of Jessop Rise were on point, 2.0. My favourite character was William's Uncle Seth. It's been such a long time since I've come*

*across a character that is just a downright pig. Even his tragic back-story didn't make me feel that sorry for him. The other characters like William's cousin and the house staff were diverse and nicely varied.*

*The book had supernatural characters too which gave it those slightly spooky ghostly vibes but there wasn't anything intense enough to make me keep the night light on.*

**I think this book is so well rounded – plot, great; characters, great; writing, great.**

**Olivia, age 13**

*Not for me! **This book wasn't for me sadly**, I didn't enjoy it.*

**Sophia Ufton**

***This was a story that I could not put down. I needed to read all the way to the end to find out what happened.... and it was amazing!***

*14 year old William is alone and penniless after his father died, then his long estranged Uncle Seth sends for him and he finally believes his luck is changing but as soon as he enters this place (Jessop Rise) he sees a ghostly figure. He soon finds out there is more than one ghost and wants to know who they all are. What secrets is Seth hiding?*

**Beth Armstrong-Harris**

*Gothic ghost story set on a desolate cliff top in Wales where all is not as it first appears. Woman in Black for younger teens.*

***Set on a desolate cliff top in Wales amid hauntingly misty weather, this is a ghost story sure to be enjoyed by those 12 plus.*** William is sent from the workhouse to live with his wealthy uncle and cousin. He is set to work in Jessop Rise as his cousin's valet but it soon becomes clear that something untoward has occurred in the vicinity and William begins to be concerned that his uncle was involved. William is drawn into trying to solve the mystery which brings him perilously close to danger, intrigue and the super natural.

**Rebekah Marsh, age 13**

***I am usually not one for ghost stories; however, the Haunting of Jessop Rise is written in such a unique, thrilling way that I devoured it in one sitting. Simply magnificent.***

*The haunting of Jessop Rise is unlike any other ghost story, it is written so that any reader is entranced by its characters and plot line - I simply was unable to put it down. The novel is so well written, I was excited to turn each page, and devastated to put it down at the end.*

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**Felicity Kerswell**

***This book is wonderful. The way the author wrote this book made it mysterious and you never know what will happen next.*** *The book is written from the point of view of a young boy called William who recently lost his dad and moves to his uncle's place where strange things are happening and he's stuck right in the middle of it! This adventure is amazing but as I had couple of chapters left I thought there was no way the author could wrap it up but he did. This book from the very beginning makes you laugh, cry and jump off your seat with fright! I would recommend this book to those who like mystery and adventure!*