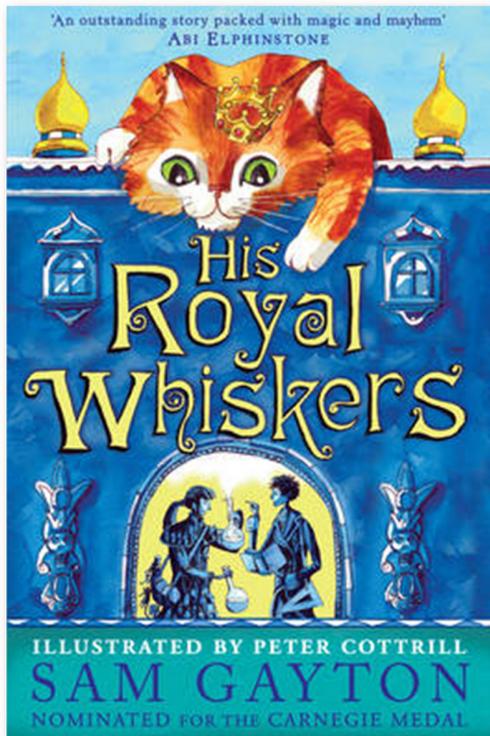


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of
His Royal Whiskers
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Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.



Evie Aconley, age 10

The true book of friendship where evil drops in and the true friends work together to try and overcome evil. I thought this book was amazing because it was completely true and a good story as it intrigues you into the story so you almost can't get out. I really enjoyed reading this book because everything brings you into the book.

Emily Lonsdale, age 11

This book is pure adventure, it's very exciting, a story that will stay with you a life time. I loved this book, it took me a while to get into it but

it's the story about Prince Alexander who turned into a cat. It's the tale of two children the best friends of Alexander who turned him into a cat and their plans to get him back without getting their head chopped off.

I loved it, it was full of adventure and excitement and a very different read.

Emily Golding, age 9

Magically funny, hilarious results. This is probably one of the funniest books I've read in AGES! Totally mind-boggling spells and ludicrous results! You need to read this! Would you like to turn your younger brother into a kitten? I sure would! That is what Pieter Abadabacus and Teresa

Gust did to her brother. The future Empurrer. Giant cats (not to mention fleas), scary Czars, rib-ticklingly funny jokes/rhymes. I just couldn't stop laughing! Severed heads that are still alive?! Odd! If you like David Walliams or cats, you're bound to love this! I can't WAIT to find out what happens next!

Lewis Briggs, age 10

Funny and exciting, amusing and wonderful. This brilliant book is absolutely fantastic! I would recommend this to my friends. I don't think I could have read a better book, to be honest!

My favourite part is when the prince turned into the cat because I was able to see what he looked like on the cover of the book. I would recommend this to my friends. I don't think I could have read a better book, to be honest!

Charlotte Cassidy, age 11

This was a fun book, suitable for boys and girls aged 9 and older who like funny adventurous books.

His Royal Whiskers is a humorously exciting book about two mischievous young friends called Pieter and Teresa, who work in the palace, and have a very unusual hobby of brewing mystical and sometimes dangerous potions. One winter's day, on the prince's birthday, one of these potions is accidentally fed to Prince Alexander, the only heir to the great Petrossian Empire, resulting in him turning into a kitten! This horrifies the bloodthirsty Czar (Alexander's father), who threatens to chop off Teresa and Pieter's heads unless they change his son back before the end of the year. After this shocking catastrophe, terrible events unfold in the castle resulting in life (and death) never being the same again.

This truly funny tale includes dark secrets, astonishing lies, and some gruesome ghostly mayhem. With all of this happening, how will Teresa and Pieter be able to save their necks, and will they ever change Prince Alexander back?

Characters include Pieter, Teresa, Prince Alexander (in prince and cat form), the terrifying Czar and his fearsome war council, and a mysterious 'fairy folkmother', as well as lots of other magical people. I like Teresa best, because she is fearless and daring, isn't afraid of anything (almost), and you can never tell what she is going to do next. Also, she is trustworthy and loyal, and stands up for her friends.

I liked the way that the author has used made-up words to make it funnier, and

the way that you can really connect with the characters, and feel for them.

Rosie Watch

*As you know I review books with my English Classes at the back of my mind, wondering which book I shall recommend to each child and I have to say I struggled with this one. It is the most amazingly descriptive book and as an English piece I could plan many creative writing exercises around it, but to recommend it to a particular child, I somewhat struggled. **It is a wonderful mixture of creativity and humour, but with a dark side that is quite frightening.** That death can be conquered, reversed and revoked is quite a mature concept to grasp and I would find it hard to explain the references to souls, the undead and the endless murders without wondering about the children and sleepless nights. As a child, I dreamt I was given away and I have to say Pieter referring to his parents who traded him for the village's safety, albeit unwisely really sent shivers down my side. That aside, the book was in places magical and beautifully illustrated. It had some very memorable quotations such as "Imagination isn't our power, it's friendship" and "Life needs death like a sentence needs a full stop" were two of the best.*

Alexander Bisland, age 11

*Once upon a time, there was a man called Czar. The Czar was a great conqueror and everyone feared him. One day, when he was eating his breakfast, one of the people from his War Council came into the room to tell him the terrible news... That his son Prince Alexander had become a cat!!! This happened because of two people, Pieter Abadabacus, the tally master (the Czar's mathmagician) and Teresa Gust, the Spice Monkey (the person who collects spices for the cooks). It started when Teresa kidnapped Pieter, she needed him to help her because she wanted to be an alchemist but didn't know what amounts of ingredients she needed to use. After many months and many cauldrons they finally made their first potion. CATASTROPHICA! This potion turns things into cats and one day on the Prince of Petrossia's 6th birthday he was baking a cake with his best friends (Pieter and Teresa) WHEN.... Prince Alexander's private tutor finds them. Teresa and this man (his name is Lord Xin) have a major fight and it's during this fight that Teresa accidentally spills the Catastrophica potion on Alexander and he slowly becomes a cat. This is where the story begins. Do Teresa and Pieter get executed for treason? Does Alexander turn back into a prince? Does Teresa make any more potions? **I recommend this book to 9+***

fantasy readers. I give it 5 stars.

Anastasia Abdian, age 12

A funny and clever book. Not challenging to read and I recommend it to younger readers. It is quite descriptive but could include some harder language.

A book good for cat lovers as the Prince Alexander is turned into a kitten. Adventurous with some humour included in the book it is a good read.

Annabelle Cassidy, age 8

I really enjoyed this book because it was very adventurous and funny. It was AMAZING!

'His Royal Whiskers' is about three friends called Pieter and Teresa, and Prince Alexander, the only heir to the great Petrossian Empire. When the prince is turned into a kitten by a potion, they have to work out how to change him back before his father, the terrible Czar, chops off their heads!

I really loved this funny and adventurous story. Pieter and Teresa meet lots of strange, magical and scary characters as they try to work out how to change the Prince back into a boy.

The people of Petrossia and the palace are vividly created, making you want to know more about this dark, magical world. There are lots of little details and side-stories as you go, weaving a tale you won't want to put down until the thrilling end. I really want more stories set here!

I loved this book and the wonderful characters in it. I recommend this book for anyone who loves thrilling magical adventures.

Josh Parcell, age 9

A great book that I wanted to keep reading. The story was full of great twists and events and I would love to read the next instalment of the cat's adventure!

A fantastic story full of clever twists! The cats are all very good characters and I looked reading this book.

Tristan Pender, age 9

A very interesting book but quite confusing in places. Still very enjoyable.

'His Royal Whiskers' is a very interesting book but it is a bit confusing. It's about two alchemists (Pieter and Teresa) who make a potion that turns someone into a "fluffy wuffy kitten". But it accidentally gets put on the king's son, so the king ordered for their heads to be chopped off. The alchemists had an idea to make a potion that makes things grow bigger so the potion is put on the king's son to make him bigger. Then the potion masters try to make the king's son betray his father by trying to kill him! Soon after, the king mysteriously dies and when he died, no one else could die. Somebody tried to kill Pieter because they thought he killed the king but he did not die - his head was still talking. Pieter then explained about how the fleas on the king's son's body had killed the king because the fleas grew when the king's son grew.

I found the story quite confusing because all of the people were in different places at different times so I couldn't keep up with where they were going. But overall I thought it was a very good book. My favourite part was where Teresa and Pieter made the kitten potion and the growth potion. I would rate the book 7/10 because it was very good but a bit confusing.

Sarah Barnes Mogendorff

If you would like to read an exciting story with a few pictures scattered throughout, this could be a good book for you. The characters are mostly goodies or baddies – but it depends on your perspective which is which. It's a topsy-turvy mixture of fairy tale stories, where good and bad aren't like good and bad in this world.

It is extremely fun to read – it is hard to review this book without telling you about the story line in detail. I recommend you read it for yourself because once you in this book it's hard to stop reading it and get out of it.

I like the way the words become sentences and paragraphs – it has been written in a playful and intelligent way that isn't patronising.

When I was reading this, my Mum kept asking if I'd finished it – I was enjoying it so much, I savoured it and I didn't rush. She kept asking. It's only now that I realise it is because my Mum is looking forward to reading it herself – maybe I can convince her to read it aloud so I can hear it again! Next time I read it, it may well be with cocoa in front of a fire, but really, I think that this is a good

book for all seasons!

A topsy-turvy mixture of fairy tale stories with a few pictures scattered throughout. It's written in a playful and intelligent way that isn't patronising. A good book for all seasons!