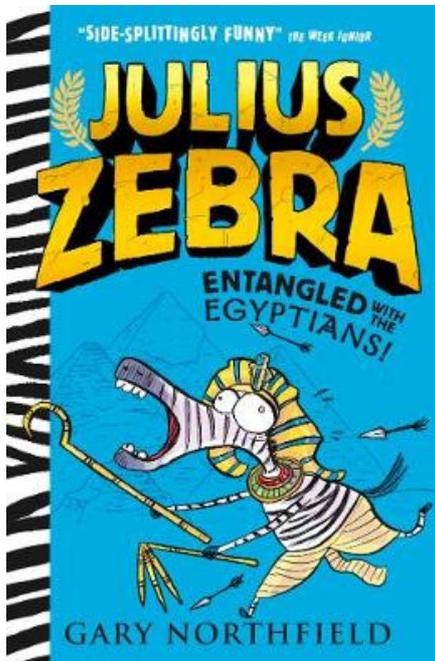


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Julius Zebra:** **Entangled with the Egyptians** by Gary Northfield

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



**Alex, age 11**

*'Julius Zebra: Entangled with the Egyptians' is about the famous gladiator champion Julius Zebra who rebels the roman empire and persuades the Britonz to join him.*

*In this book, Julius is chasing after one of Rome's important person Septimus and gets caught in a massive storm. Ship-wrecked on the shores of Egypt, the Egyptians mistake Julius, as the horse god called Heter. When having a tour of Egypt his friend Felix (the Antelope) cannot stop himself from taking a precious gem landing a curse on Julius and his friends. It does not take long for the Egyptians to realise he is an impostor, he has to run for his life.*

***As soon as I got this book, I couldn't put it down until I had finished it. I loved this book!!***

**Lucas Blake, age 7**

*Anything stolen from a pyramid is cursed so it is very very very dangerous for Julius Zebra & his friends. **This book is exciting and super duper funny. I read it all without stopping!***

*This book is about a zebra who is mistaken for a Horse God in Egypt. His friend Felix, a rock collector who isn't very clever, finds a jewel but it came from a pharaoh's tomb and anything stolen from a pyramid is cursed so it is very very very dangerous for Julius Zebra and his friends. I think this book is exciting and I read it all in one go. The pictures made me laugh, like the mouse throwing the antelope and the hieroglyphic fighting techniques. My favourite bit of this book*



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*is the bit about the art of mummification which is super duper funny!*

**Ethan Watkin, age 10**

*This book is the third in the series with more to come. It follows Julius Zebra through his tour of Egypt with all of his comedy mishaps along the way. It's a really funny book full of good luck for Julius and his friends when they land on the Egyptian beach and the Egyptians think that Julius is much more important than he really is. But it all goes wrong when his friend discovers the cursed stone! Will he make it out alive? - you'll have great fun reading to find out.*

*If you like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or 'Tom Gates' then you're bound to love this. I give it 10 out of 10!*

***This is a great book for 8-12 year olds with a lovely sense of humour – there are several books in the series which you're bound to enjoy. A hilarious comedy adventure!***

**Lucy, age 7**

***This book is a funny and exciting adventure story with lots of Ancient Egypt history in. I loved the cartoons that make it partly like reading a comic.***

*This book is funny and exciting. The main character is a zebra who is also a Roman gladiatorial champion trying to let enslaved beasts free. Find out if Julius Zebra will pretend to be king and managed to escape being killed...*

*I liked reading this because I am very interested in the Ancient Egyptians and this book has the Romans and Egyptians in it.*

*There are lots of cartoons throughout the book which are very funny and help to tell the story through the pictures. These were my favourite part of this book. This makes it partly like reading a long chapter book and partly like reading a comic.*

*There are also some extra cartoon strips at the back of the book about Ancient Egypt and there is lots of historical information about Ancient Egypt that I recognised from learning about Egypt at school.*

*I would recommend this book to people who like adventure stories that are also funny and people that are interested in Ancient Egyptian history. There are also a couple of other books in the series that I am looking forward to reading.*



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**Diya Budhdeo, age 8**

*Captivating and adventurous. An insight to Egyptian culture...*

*The author tried to make this book a funny one and he succeeded. I think that the author was born in Egypt because of his descriptive setting and that is unusual. It was brilliant and very captivating. This book is about an adventurous zebra and how he ended up in Egypt. The people of Egypt thought he was a horse God but they were thinking wrong.*

***This book is suitable for 7 to 9 year olds. As an 8 year old I really enjoyed the book...opening up the world of Egyptians and teaching me about their culture.***

**Ollie Hopwood and Toby Hopwood, age 7 & 5**

***We were swept along by the fast paced comic adventures of Julius, his daft brother and his funny friends as they rushed headlong from one adventure into the next.***

*This was the first book we've read from the series, but we were soon caught up to speed and swept along by the fast paced comic adventures of Julius, his daft brother and his funny friends as they rushed headlong from one adventure into the next. The character's quirky turns of phrase and the frequent illustrations had us laughing out loud, as you would expect from an author who has previously contributed to the Beano.*

*Reading it to my 5 year old I skipped certain words in the frequent name calling between the characters, including 'cretin', but the overall tone of the insults was light hearted and made my 7 year old really chuckle as he read it.*

*The historic characters and places named in the story have made the boys want to find out more about their real life counterparts. The book was **packed with accurate information about Ancient Egypt alongside the hilariously surreal elements and has made the kids even more obsessed with the topic than before.** The way that the well written text is broken up with great illustrations made the book very accessible and helped the boys visualize the action described in the text. We particularly loved the excitement of the zebra-drawn chariot race, and the escape from a tomb aided by Khepi the dung beetle.*

*We will definitely be looking for the other books in the series.*

**Daniel Bisland, age 10**

*"This book is about a zebra called Julius. One day he is shipwrecked in Egypt. A*



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*zebra in Egypt? Yes, a zebra in Egypt!*

*He is thought to be an Egyptian God! He enjoys all the attention, despite being called a Horse God! Soon he will be famous and be praised by everyone. They will have a procession in his honour but first they must go and visit the tombs. (SPOILER ALERT – it doesn't go well!). His friend Felix can't resist taking a jewel; a haunted jewel. This changes EVERYTHING!*

*Julius had been found out; he was a fake. Now what? It will mean that they will have to kill him of course! What happens next?*

***I give it 5\*. I recommend it to 9+ adventure fans who also like a funny story. I really like the illustrations in this book. If you like this book, make sure you read 1 & 2 as well. Julius is stupidly funny. This series is hilarious!***

**Oliver Corlett, age 10**

***A laugh out loud book; this series gets funnier and funnier!***

*I loved this book! It particularly appealed to me due to the informal way it is written, using speech bubbles and thought bubbles. It is humorous and made me laugh out loud throughout. It is brought to life by sketches on each page to explain each part, which made it really enjoyable. **I have been learning about Ancient Egypt in school and this book really helped with my learning and brought my learning to life.***

*In the back, there is also a fun few pages about writing in Hieroglyphics and a glossary which explains any areas you don't know. I would highly recommend this to other children aged between 8-10 years old; it is the best one in the series yet!*