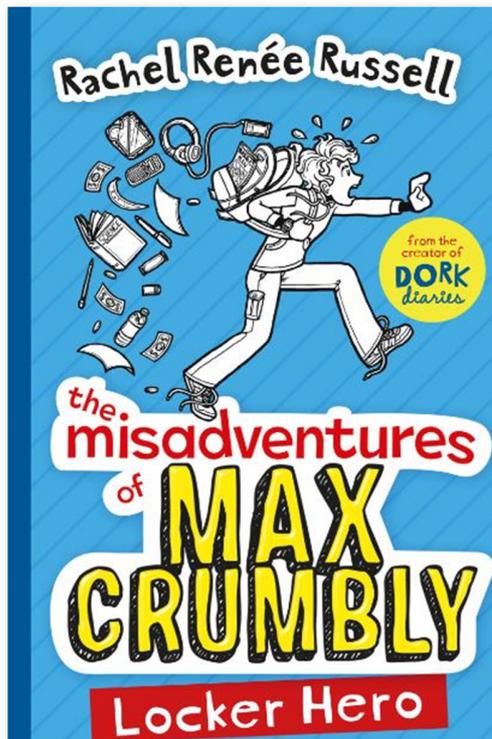


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Misadventures of Max Crumbly: Locker Hero** By Rachel Renée Russell

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



**Sidney Greenslade, age 13**

***'The Misadventures of Max Crumbly' is another hit from Rachel Renée Russell - absolutely hilarious!***

*'The Misadventures of Max Crumbly: Locker Hero' is a hilarious and exciting book about some of the unfortunate events that take place in the life of schoolboy Max Crumbly. Max has just persuaded his parents to take him out of his gran's tortuous home education when the school bully, Doug (or Thug) Thurston decides that Max is his new nemesis. Scared to tell his parents in case they send him back to gran and scared to tell a teacher in case Thug makes everything worse, Max hides in*

*the computer lab late, hoping to evade Thug. But he still finds Max and throws him into his locker, planning to leave him in there for the 3-day weekend. Max knows he has to get out... fast!*

*'The Misadventures of Max Crumbly' was so good, and so funny I read it in an afternoon! The art was fantastic and very entertaining, and I really liked how it was told like a diary, and how some parts were crossed out, because if you kept a real diary, some things would need crossing out! It was really exciting near the end, and kept me on the edge of my seat! It was hilarious, **witty and I'm desperate to read more!** A brilliant story, 10/10!*

**Erica Motoc, age 10**

***'The Misadventures of Max Crumbly Locker Hero' is a phenomenal book that is really quite extraordinary and unique.***

*My favourite section is where Max has to put on Erin's(his crush's)clothes on because he is covered in black muck! How did that happen? Read the book and find out.*

*The book has a cool link to 'Dork Diaries' as there is the animal shelter called Fuzzy Friends and ends on a dramatic cliff hanger. Will Max be the school hero he's always wanted to be? Will the burglars get away?*

**Lewis Briggs, age 10**

***A book packed full of joy and laughter! I can't wait to get the next book to see what happens. If you're a fan of 'Tom Gates', 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or 'Dork Diaries' than this is your new favourite book!***

*A book packed full of joy and laughter! My favourite part is when Thug pushes Max into his locker. The book is funny and I love it when Max goes into the girl's locker room and puts on girls clothes. I would recommend this to my friends as a must-have book. I can't wait to get the next book because I want to find out what happens to Max Crumbly.*

**Emily Walklett, age 12**

***A tense but fun book about Max's tricky situation when he is bullied in middle school. Easy to read, likely to appeal to boys aged 8+.***

*I was very much looking forward to reading this book, as I have been a big fan of the Dork Diaries books by the same author. This book was very easy to read and would appeal mainly to 8-10 year olds, especially boys, as the main character Max is a boy who has just started middle school. It is written in a very chatty familiar way, a bit like the 'Tom Gates' books by Liz Pichon, and the book finds Max in a very tense situation, which was a real page turner, as you really wanted to find out just how he was going to escape his current awkward and uncomfortable situation. There is also a bit of the boy-girl attraction element in it too. So how does it compare to 'Tom Gates'? .....not as good I'm afraid....'Tom Gates' is far funnier and less predictable than this book, but the main character Max is likeable and it is not a difficult book to follow so is definitely worth a read.*

**Jessica Cobbin**

***I give this book 10/10. It's just as good as 'Dork Diaries' and I now want to read the rest of the series.*** My favourite part was the bit where he goes into the secret boiler room at the back of the school. It ends on a cliffhanger and this means I really can't wait to the second book. I think it could be for boys or girls. It also makes you laugh a lot.

**Evie Aconley, age 10**

***A book especially for those who love great adventure and have a vivid imagination.*** Join Max Crumbly while he has lots of adventure and fun. An enjoyable book for people who enjoy drama and a lot of comedy. Every time Max has an adventure ***it will make you laugh out loud, really loud!!!*** I enjoyed reading the different fonts and the funny illustrations. It's similar to the dork diaries so anyone who loves them will love this book.

**Enora Hauduc, age 8**

***It was entertaining and the story pulled me in.*** The story could have been better with more twists and action. I enjoyed this book because it was funny but I'm disappointed because I have to wait till summer 2018 to know the rest of the story. Otherwise, I thought it was entertaining and the story really pulled me in. The story could have been better if it had more things going on but all in all I couldn't put it down! I would recommend this book for anyone who likes a non-fiction feel to a fiction book.

**Sam Harper, age 12**

***A really, cool and funny book with brilliant raps and cartoons. A definite must-read for any Wimpy Kid fans out there.*** Max is starting 8th grade after being home schooled by his Gran, a retired kindergarten teacher, but South Ridge Middle School is tough. Max spends a lot of time being stuffed into his locker by the school bully, Doug aka Thug Thurston, although sometimes the result isn't too bad, especially when he's rescued by Erin, a girl he can't help staring at. School life goes from bad to worse when, having escaped from the locker at the start of the long, three-day weekend, Max discovers that there are three idiotic burglars trying to steal the new computers from the school's computer lab. Max is the only person there who can stop them and so his crazy adventure begins. It doesn't all go to plan and crash-landing in the

*middle of the burglar's pizza certainly wasn't meant to be on the cards. I can't wait to see how Max gets out of this one!*

*I really enjoyed reading about the misadventures of Max Crumbly. I felt sorry for him trying to fit back into school life and having to deal with Doug the bully. I loved the way that the story was written how you would speak, and the cartoons and raps were brilliant. I don't really think that the 'Home Alone' style plot with the burglars was necessary and I might have enjoyed it more if it had stuck to a real-school-life Wimpy Kid style story. However the burglars led to a crazy cliffhanger ending and I can't wait to read Max's next adventure to find out what happens. This was a really, cool and funny book which is a definite must-read for any Wimpy Kid fans out there.*

**Alexander Bisland, age 11**

*This book is a diary about a boy called Max and he is facing a challenge – MIDDLE SCHOOL! He is finding it a problem because Thug Thurston (the school bully) keeps locking him in his locker. But, when a real challenge arises, can he go from zero to hero?*

*What happens next?*

*Will Max be a hero?*

*Will Max get Thug back for locking him in his locker?*

*You have to read the book to find out!*

***I really enjoyed this book and it has to be one of the best books I've read for a while.***

*I recommend this book to 9+ readers who like 'Tom Gates', 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' and 'Dork Diaries'. I've already passed it on to my brother to read! J*

*I give it 5\*\*\*\*\* and would like to read the next one in the series.*

**Lucy Stephenson, Year 8 - Millennium RIOT Readers, Thorpe Academy.**

*In this book the new dork on the block, Max Crumbly, is about to face the scariest place he has ever been: South Ridge Middle School. There are a number of great things about his school but there is one massive problem- Doug Thurston the school bully who's hobby is shoving max in his locker. Max's ability to smell pizza from a mile away won't exactly save any lives or defeat bad guys*



*Before that, he was home schooled by his grandmother, a retired kindergarten teacher, because he suffers from panic attacks and he also has asthma. He is absolutely determined to not go back to being babied and when a thug starts making his life miserable, he won't tell anyone, in case his parents take him out of the school. They both like a girl called Erin, which makes things even worse for Max. He gets thrown into his locker yet again by Thug Thurston, only this time it's a three day weekend and everyone is gone home. When he discovers burglars in the school, Max sees it as his opportunity to be like one of the superheroes in the comics he loves but he may just need the help of Erin to pull it off. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a quick, easy read, packed with plenty of laughs, although I really did not like the way the author ended the story so suddenly and left the reader hanging.*

**Evie, age 11**

*A really funny book for fans of 'Dork Diaries.'*

*I really like the 'Dork Diaries' books, so I was interested to read a book by Russell based on another character.*

*I thought this book was funny as Max over exaggerates, like when he says he would 'die' near the start of the story as Thug traps him in the lockers.*

***I really enjoyed this book as it got straight into the action and it's funny all the way through.***

*I would recommend this book for anyone over 10 who likes funny books. I really hope there is a crossover book with the characters from 'Dork Diaries' and 'Max Crumbly' meeting up.*

**Harry, age 10 – Blenheim Primary School**

*I would recommend this book to a 9 year old or older because it is funny but complicated at the same time. **This is a brilliant book with action all the way through, it also leaves you at the edge of your seat.***

**Jessica Bowkley, Yr 7, Dormston Secondary School**

*Max Crumbly is a fun character who has run-ins with the school bully. He sees himself as a superhero and comes up with some cool raps. He describes these unfortunate run-ins with quick, sharp wit and illustrations that create a clear image. He crafts a perfect comic strip to show some of his worst moments and*

comes up with some wacky names for himself and others. The diary entries are often left on a cliff-hanger to keep the reader in suspense.

**This book is comical** and I think a perfect read for those who love to see the character's point of view and be able to relate to a story. From the author of the 'Dork Diaries' series I think this is a debut **perfect for boys who could probably understand and relate to many of Max's thoughts and think of solutions to his problems. But of course this is a great read for girls too!**

**Eddie Herbert age 10, Red Maid's Junior School**

**You'll be laughing in seconds and won't stop until you've finished!**

**This is an amazing book- a definite must-read!** It's about an embarrassment of a boy called Max who has never been to school before but tries out high school for the first time. He embarrasses himself all the time He embarrasses himself all the time and one day the school bully is very naughty and shoves Max in a locker. Max is terrified and goes on a big adventure trying to get out of the locker. He is in there for a long time and eventually breaks into a room, then an air vent, and finally a place where he spies some burglars! The rest of the story is Max trying to avoid being caught by the burglars. I won't give it away but it is important to say that he is scared to tell his parents about the bully and the adventure because he didn't want to be taken out of school again and be taught by his grandma.

I recommend this book for people with a sense of humour and those who like the Dork Diaries.

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**Dre Davies age 11, Blenheim Primary School**

This is a kids book about Max Crumbly. A boy with a big problem: Thug Thurston. This book also finishes on a cliff hanger for the next book that comes out in Summer 2018. **This book is an awesome book** which is about a boy called Max Crumbly which was being homeschooled by his grandma (which he hated) but in his new school called South Ridge Middle School he is being bullied by a kid called Doug Thurston who is also named as Thug. I would recommend this book to people who like Dork Diary's, Diary of a wimpy kid and Tom Gates. **This is a funny book with hilarious parts.**

**Maya Lewis, age 9**

***This book made me want to read more because it has lots of great things included (great vocabulary) that I can now use. Rachel is the best author!*** I liked the fact that he was talking about Brandon and his secrets such as his girlfriend Nikki. My favourite part was when Max was hoping that he would wet himself so that everybody would really thought that he was a hero not a dorky person.

**Scott Garrett age 11, Blenheim Primary School**

This book is called 'The Misadventures of Max Crumbly Locker Hero' a boy trying to survive high school. **I recommend this book to people who read diary based books** e.g 'Dork Diaries'. The book is about a 14 year old boy [Max] trying to survive high school and have no trouble or he will get home schooled by his grandmother who taught kinder garden.

**Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 11**

***A great book written in the style of a diary with fantastic illustrations. If you like 'Tom Gates' and 'Wimpy Kid' you will definitely like this too. Highly recommend.***

I really liked this book. Max is a great character and the book was fun to read. It is a real laugh out loud book. The funniest bit was when Max put girls clothes on in the locker room! The illustrations were great. This is very similar to Tom Gates and Wimpy kid as it's written like a diary so very easy to read. I think this would be great for any reluctant readers. Perfect for a boy or a girl. I would give it 10/10 and I can't wait for the next book in the series.

**Thomas Buck, age 11**

***I will give it a rating 10 out of 10. I recommend this book for people who like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.***

*'The Misadventures of Max Crumbly Locker Hero is a really funny book because it is like Diary of a Wimpy Kid' because it has funny pictures and it has funny people as well and my favourite part is when Max goes in to the air vent pretending that he can fly is hilarious.*

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