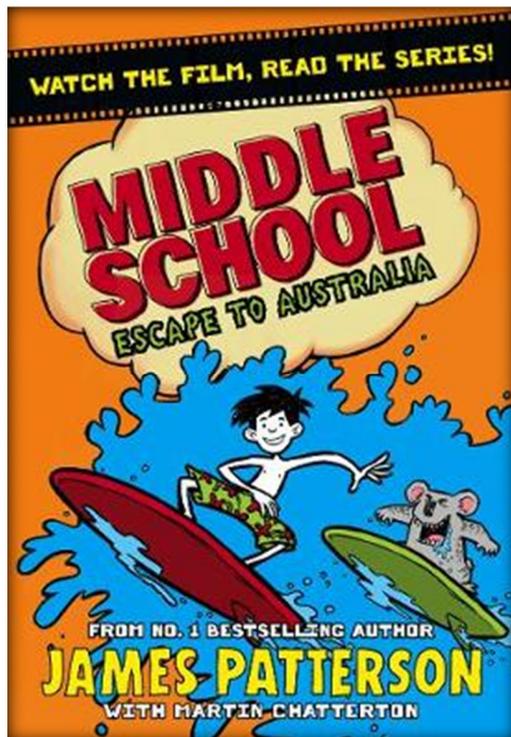


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Middle School: Escape To Australia** by James Patterson

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



**Toby Little, age 9**

*This book is funny and jam-packed with action. My favourite character is Ellie, who is the leader of The Outsiders.*

*This book is part of a series, but I haven't read the other books yet. Rafe Khatchadorian is a mischievous boy who has been expelled from many schools. When he goes back to one of the schools he was expelled from, he finds out there is an art competition, and a teacher says he'd be really good at it. So he has a go. In the next few pages after that, it explains that he won the prize of having a full-expenses paid trip to Australia.*

*Throughout the story, Rafe has an imaginary friend called Leo, who we learn was his brother who died.*

*When Rafe gets to Australia with his Mum, it takes over 24 hours to get to Shark Bay. Later in the book, he meets some people called The Outsiders, who don't surf, but make horror movies. Rafe then becomes part of The Outsiders and makes a mischievous plan.*

*This book is funny and jam-packed with action. My favourite character is Ellie, who is the leader of The Outsiders. She is the special effects manager in their horror movies, and also, she makes monsters that can be controlled remotely. I think this book is great for 9-13-year-olds.*

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**Ethan, age 9**

***Amazing. Funny. 10/10! You will laugh until you cry. If you are new to the hilarious series of 'Middle School' this is a great book to get you started.***

*This is a hilarious story where Rafe wins a art competition and gets a 3 week stay at Australia, where he gets picked on but obviously Rafe gets sweet, sweet revenge. Rafe and a gang of kids hatch a great plan to get revenge on kids they were picked on by. If you like people sicking in other peoples faces then this is the book for you.*

**Dylan Pritchard, age 10**

***The best book I've read in ages - really funny. I definitely recommend this book.***

*I really liked the main characters and thought it was very funny. Now I want to read the whole series and watch the film. I would definitely recommend this book.*

**Daniel Bisland, age 9**

*This story is about a boy called Rafe who is unlucky (most of the time). At his school, they had an art competition and the prize was a 3 week holiday to Australia. Rafe gathered all his best artistic sketches and won the 3 week holiday. He was so excited and when he got home he told his mum the news straight away.*

*In Australia he got pranked 3 times by Bradley and Belinda whose parents owned the house they were staying in.*

*These were the pranks:*

- *Making him surf and then his swimming trunks came off*
- *Putting a ginormous snake in his bed*
- *Dropping a soft, cuddly toy bear on him, making him think that it was a dangerous drop bear*

*After the pranks, Rafe wants REVENGE. But how?*

- *Does he escape Australia alive?*
- *What is the revenge plan?*

***I recommend it to 9+. If you like adventure, this is the book for you. I give it 5\*\*\*\*\*. If you like Tom Gates, you'll like this book as well.***

**Oscar Knight, age 11 - Blenheim Primary School**

***A fantastic book that you can never put down. Rafe is a fantastic character who is relateable and kind. This book has inspired me to read the others and watch the film!***

*This is an amazing book that can show friendship wherever you go and how life can be different to some people. This book inspired me to read the rest of the series and watch the movie. A great book for children big and small that you can't put down! Rafe has really shown how you can be confident even in the darkest of times and that rumours aren't always true. Rafe has been a fantastic character and I can't wait to read his next adventure!*