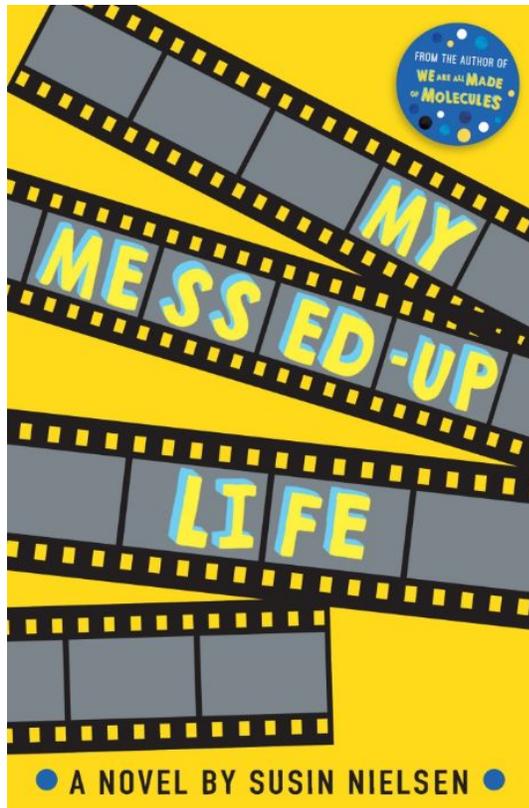


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **My Messed-up Life** Written Susin Nielsen

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



**Megan, age 17**

*It took me a bit to get into this book, but when I did, I really enjoyed it. For me it was a light read, however that didn't mean that the plot or the writing was anything less than superb.*

*I enjoyed this book, but it did take me a little while to get into it. I found it better than one of her books, but not as good as another. I would give it 4 stars, if I were to give it a rating. The plot and the characters were well written, however I found the writing style a bit too simplistic at times. That being said, it was an enjoyable, light read. I would recommend this book, especially to those younger than me.*

**Linda Brown, adult**

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*How have I not read anything else by this author? I Could not put it down, seriously I read it in one sitting. The author, Susin Nielsen pitches the perfect amount of humour that keeps the reader total engaged in this hilariously funny story (my only gripe is that it wasn't longer.)*

*The main character Violet is not impressed with her TV producer dad, who has left the family and set up a new life in L.A. with his new family. The reader follows Violets exploits in finding her mom a new husband, and she sets her sights on George Clooney. That will show dad what he's missing!*

*Our 12 year old protagonist is a troubled young lady who is dealing with the divorce of her parents, looking after her little sister Rosie, bullying by Thing One and Two at school and on top of all that she is falling for the IT boy in school as well. Thankfully she is helped and supported in her hilarious adventures by her best friend Phoebe. This funny and often touching book is suitable for 12+ readers confident or reluctant as*

*Violet is a character they can quickly warm and relate to. It has 213 well written engaging pages that I highly recommend.*

**Ella O’Gorman, age 13**

***A hilarious, side splittingly funny page turner, that's brilliantly mixed with insights into the effect of divorce on a family. It's sure to be a hit.***

*Violet thinks her life is totally messed up, thanks to her parents divorce two years ago. Her father remarried, has twins and in Violet's eyes is living a dream life in Los Angeles. She feels that he has forgotten about his previous family, Violet, her younger sister and their mother. They are struggling to make ends meet, but their mother refuses to let her ex-husband help. On top of that, her attempts to replace their father all end in disaster until she meets Dudley Weiner. Violet thinks her mother deserves someone, well who is not a dork and who could be more perfect than a certain Hollywood superstar. This book is different from the types of books that I normally read, but I really enjoyed it and would absolutely recommend it.*

**Humaira Kauser, age 20**

*This is the second book I have read of Susin Nielsen and to be honest I prefer Optimist Die First, which is the only other book I have read of the authors. That is not to say that this book wasn't good- it was. **It was laugh-out-loud funny with the touching moments throughout- A classic Nielsen book from what I have learnt.** Violet is such a sweet, funny and misunderstood character but it makes her lovable. Overall it was an alright average read.*

**Jasmine, age 11, Thorp Academy**

*This is a great and funny book that explores the issue of divorced parents. **It made me want to cry out and laugh at the same time.** I enjoyed reading all about the things Violet got up to, and how she dealt with cool boys and annoying girls. I loved the bit about Dudley Wiener in particular and all his puns. There are so many funny and awkward moments in this book, it was a truly enjoyable read. I would give this story 4 stars out of 5 and recommend it to anyone over the age of 9.*

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**Amelia, age 18**

***I really enjoyed this book, both the characters and storyline was brilliant. I would recommend this book to any young teens.***

*Violet is such a funny, amazing character. I thoroughly enjoyed reading about her spying missions on her mum's new boyfriend as well as the letters to George Clooney. She is a very head strong and mischievous child and I can't imagine doing some of the things she did, but they were funny to read about! I cannot relate to what Violet's going through as my parents are not divorced, but from reading this book and having*

*friends in the same scenario as her I can imagine it's a painful and stressful process. I would imagine that her grilling of mum's potential boyfriends is only to protect her and ensure that the same this that happened previously would not happen again. However it does all so teach you not to judge a book by its cover as Dudley turns out to be quite different than expected. Overall it was an excellent read, I really loved the storyline and the characters including Violets little sister Rosie.*