

Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of **The Nothing To See Here Hotel** by Steven Butler & Steven Lenton

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Lovereading4kids members.



Ollie Hopwood and Toby Hopwood, age 8 and 6

'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' is a real joy of a book, full of the cheekiness and the gross humour that my kids adore. We are reading it as our bedtime book, and it's taking a lot longer than expected as we have to keep stopping while the boys recover their breath after laughing their heads off. A goblin prince's 'plump grey bottom jiggling about like a pair of tiny over boiled chickens' had them in hysterics for a good five minutes and they have learned a whole new vocabulary - spelling practice is now 'groty and stinksome' and I am a 'geriatric banshee' for making them do it. The story is inventive and captivating, and the illustrations are perfect to keep our youngest engaged in the story. An image of a garden lawn with crossed eyes

*shouting 'Gerroff, someone's messin' with me bumly bits' is something you won't forget in a hurry. 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' has really sparked the kid's imaginations, as they draw plans for how to turn their own rooms into secret dens accessed only by secret codes on armchair lifts where parents can't barge in and tell them to tidy up. **This book does what the very best children's books do – it provides a good dollop of stinky literary compost in which to grow kid's creativity and individuality in a world full of boring rules.***

www.acornstem.co.uk

Lucas Blake, age 7

This book is weird, exciting and funny! Even though a very loud Granny Troll uses a yell-a-phone, this story is about keeping secrets. So if you read this book, keep what you learn to yourself!

This book is unbelievably weird and if you like weird, you will like 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' where bad reviews are a good thing! The food is revolting so you'd need to take a pack lunch to stay in this hotel but as no humans are allowed you'd have to prove you are a 'blender' to get in! Even though a very loud Granny Troll uses the yell-a-phone, this story is about keeping secrets. Grogbah, a naughty rude goblin arrives at the hotel with a secret and nearly reveals the secret of the magical hotel. It is exciting and funny. You never know what is going to come in the sea or sky doors and the Banister family have the coolest pets, like Hoggit, the Pygmy soot-dragon. Can't wait for book two.

Rob, age 8

***A very funny book with lots of weird characters in it. I really liked this book. It is very funny, especially the ending.** Frankie Banister and his parents have a hotel for magical creatures. The book is about when Prince Grogbah, the goblin, comes to stay. He is a very difficult guest.*

I liked the characters' names, Granny Regurgita, Manglejaw, Grogbah. I would like a pet like Hoggit the small soot dragon. My favourite character was Granny Regurgita, she looks like a huge troll. There is lot of silliness and weirdness in the book. I don't think I would like to go on holiday there.

Sam Briggs, age 8

*Frank Banister, a hotel, monsters. **This book is rib-tickingly funny! 10/10.** Prince Grogbah gets invited to a hotel, but it's no ordinary hotel, it's full of monsters (and one human).*

My favourite character is Frankie Banister because he's funny.

This is a hilarious adventure full of excitement and I will recommend this book to everyone!

Aggie Daniels, age 7

*Of course this book isn't scary! Or Sad! **I loved Frankie Bannister. His hair is cool. I love all the magical stuff in this book. Just don't ask about the tower.***

Sam and Jack Radford, age 7 and 5

*Funny! Lots of jokes and magic. Frankie has a very exciting time in this book and meets brilliant creatures. **We kept wanting to read more! We***

laughed so much at this story! It was really funny when our grandma read it because Frankie's grandma is a troll! It definitely made us giggle lots - Frankie has a strange house. We wouldn't like to live there because of the weird food though. The pictures are excellent and we loved looking at all of the characters and what they are wearing.

You can follow Sam and Jack's mum Emma on Twitter: @EmmaRadford4

Connor Lobban, age 9

If you are a fan of the film 'Hotel Transylvania' then I am sure you will want to read this. It is a more exciting version of that.

There is a hotel on a beach, but not everyone knows it is there because it is invisible! It is invisible because it is a hotel just for monsters. If a human finds it they get a smell on them that they dislike and will make them run off. A grumpy troll called Granny Regurgita runs the hotel with her family. One night a messenger delivers important mail to announce Prince Grogbah is coming to stay at the hotel which turns out not to be good news, because he has a secret.

There were lots of different characters and my favourite was Frankie and his dragon because they were fun to read about. Frankie is the narrator, so he adds extra bits as he goes along. As soon as the Prince arrives at the hotel I was hooked into the story because it became really exciting. The pictures are really detailed which helps you see it in your mind when you are reading.

Sophie, Y8, Thorp Academy

I thought that the 'Nothing To See Here Hotel' was a very imaginative book. This is because all the characters were unique and unusual. My favourite character in the book was probably Manglejaw the goblin messenger because he was quite daring and informal. One of my favourite things about him was that he almost had no filter which made me keep reading. At the start Frankie- the little boy who lives there- was just going on about his family which is more for 9 or 10 year olds who would probably find this quite interesting. My favourite part is when the goblins arrive because it is very descriptive and it is when the story starts to kick into motion.

*I think that 8-10 year olds would love this book, maybe even younger, because you can tell that **the author (Steven Butler) has really stepped out of the ordinary to create a wonderful story with an interesting plot and original ideas which would absolutely keep younger readers reading.** I would rate 'The Nothing To See Hear Hotel' as 5/5 stars because it was very imaginative and original.*

