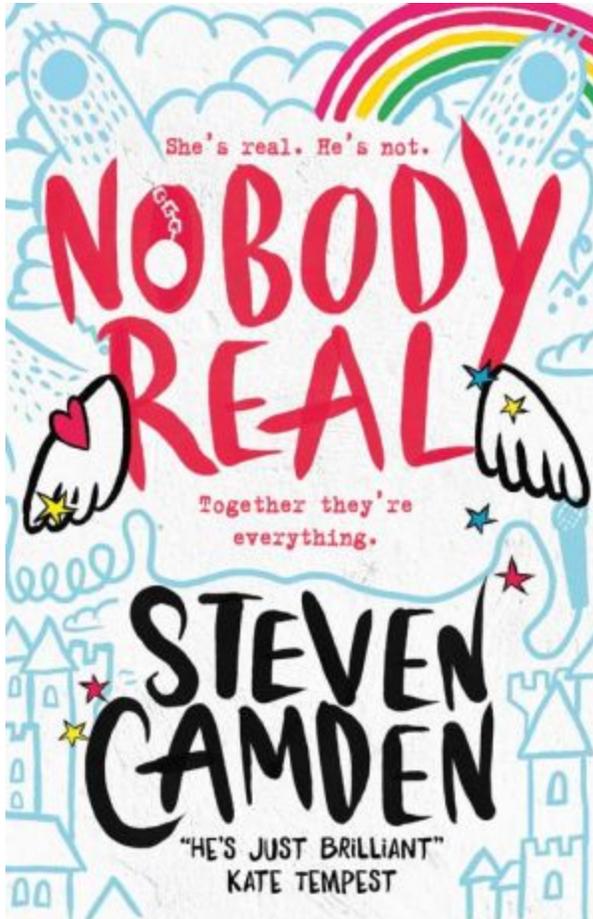


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Nobody Real**

Written by Steven Camden

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



Charlotte Walker, age 23

A gripping, thought-provoking read. Think 'Inside Out' but in book form, for teens.

There's a number of important topics handled in this book, but I think it is done quite well. Mars and her imaginary friend Thor have been through a lot of ups and downs together. But they have reached a crossroads that will change both of them irrevocably.

Mars is 17 and has just finished her exams, her mother left when she was young and her writer father is struggling to live up to the amazing success of his first book. She lives with her aunt and has a very close friendship with Cara. Unsure about her past, her future and her ambitions her imaginary friend from childhood comes back to help her did her way. Thor has his own struggles in the Not Real.

Nobody Real is a great coming of age story with a modern twist, and I would highly recommend

it to teens and adults.

Humaira Kauser, age 20

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Steven Camden has done it again. Definitely one of my favourite reads of the year so far. There is just something in the way that Camden writes that gets me every time. I

loved this book, Marcie and Thor. I loved the magical realism element and the relationships and real life. I'd always recommend a Steven Camden book and Nobody Real is no different.

Kirsty, age 14

There's a subtlety in the use of questions, and this book doesn't make it easy to find the answers. You have to work just as hard as the characters themselves to put the pieces together, and no matter what you expect from the finished puzzle that certainly won't be all there is to see. Marcie's actions don't always make sense, sometimes coming across as bitter and a little jaded, but it's only when her curtains and walls start to fall away that you can begin to understand where her motivations lie.

*With a double punch ending, like a two factor authentication you need to figure out to eventually find what Camden is really trying to say, and a countdown like you'd expect from a thriller novel, **Nobody Real doesn't play an easy game, instead pulling you through the back alleys of two strange and interwoven minds without much care as to the bruises it leaves.***

But in the end, the struggles seem relatively minor and completely worth it.

Sidney Greenslade, age 14

Nobody Real is a uniquely charming and quirky book, filled to the brim with loveable characters and plot that will have you entranced long after you've finished the story!

Nobody Real is the quirky and heartfelt tale of Marcie and Thor, two best friends, separated by years spent apart and the fact that Thor isn't actually real.

Almost ten years ago, Marcie made Thor, and six years ago, she banished him from her imagination, and back to his world - the Not Real. When ten years ticks over, Thor will have to fade, and he'll never see Marcie again. Scared and afraid, Thor decides to start crossing back over into the Real, a few last times, to see Marcie. However, things are different now. Marcie is nearly eighteen, and she's got problems she's not sure that she can handle. With both friends facing immediate and life changing issues, can they smooth out the past and enter the future with a sense of closure? Or will Thor's visits only tear the two of them apart even further?

Nobody Real is a beautifully emotional story, and once I became tangled in the plot, I thoroughly enjoyed it! The book was especially interesting because of the two viewpoints - one for Marcie and one for Thor. The characters were fantastically original. I particularly liked Blue, with her humble nature yet fiery temper, and Calvin, the girl kitten!

I really liked the storyline, especially in the second half of the book, which was more emotional. It was really sweet – I even cried a little, and I really liked it!

A charming tale and a great book for fans of fantasy everywhere!

Lily O'Dwyer, age 9

Just not my cup of tea, but someone might like it

I really didn't like this book. I tried so hard to get into it but it was written really weirdly and I just didn't get on with it at all. I wouldn't recommend it.

Evie Macaulay, age 12

This book is perfect for teenagers. I love the contrasts between Marcie and her imaginary friend Thor. I love this book so much and it's full of surprise and sadness.

Marcie is real. With real problems.

Thor is at a crossroads too.

Soon, if he doesn't make a decision, he's gong to face the fade. Years ago, he was Marcie's imaginary friend – then she cast him out, back to his own world.

Thor is not real. And that's a real problem...

But Marcie and Thor need each other. And to fix their lives, they're going to have to destroy everything... and then build a new world

At times I got confused who's viewpoint I was reading, but that was mainly at the beginning, then it flowed nicely and I really enjoyed it.

I'm giving this book a 2 / 5

Edel Waugh,

The main characters of the Story are Marcie, a young woman who is struggling with things going on in her life especially the prospect of the future, then there is Thor, her imaginary friend from childhood who is now back to seemingly comfort her, he has the body of a male with the arms of a bear which I think Marcie created in her mind for to be even more comforting.

The story is imaginative and sweet and covers topics like loss and mental health while also giving hope. A sweet read.

<http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/book/15428/Nobody-Real-by-Steven-Camden.html>

Ella Hewitt, age 15

It was well written and for the right person, fantastic.

I found this book a bit confusing at times, overall the story has a great meaning however some parts were not conveyed very clearly. I think for some people, this would be a perfect book, however I like a more clear factual book whereas this brought an element of fantasy.

It was well written and for the right person, fantastic.