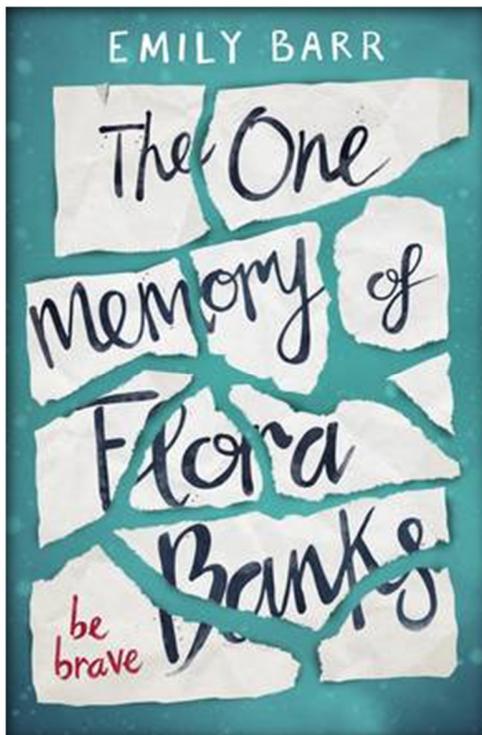


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The One Memory of Flora Banks** By Emily Barr

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



**Aimee Sweet, age 15**

*'The One Memory of Flora Banks' is **the one novel to read**. It follows the tale of Flora, a seventeen year old girl suffering from amnesia – this means that she is unable to make new memories and can only access the ones before she was ten. She feels like she is a girl living in a much older, woman's body, and it's not until she kisses her best friend's boyfriend that she wants to find out who she really is and what she has been missing all this time.*

*I LOVED this book so much, I feel like it will go off with a bang in January and come next year, everyone will be talking about Flora. I love reading about places and people through Flora's eyes and the fact*

*that the protagonist is going on an adventure to find themselves. The plot was enthralling and nerve-wracking as we sense that Flora is in grave danger (most of the time) but can't do anything to help herself. **Captivating and unexpected, I've never read anything quite like this book.***

**Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 14**

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***end. It was so well written that none of these events were expected at all and came from out of the blue. I loved all the characters as well and how they were portrayed. The places it was set were brought to life excellently.***

**Olivia Tierney**

***It's a heart-breaking, emotional but also an endearing novel. 'The One Memory of Flora Banks' is enchanting and masterfully mixes daydreams with reality as well. It's quite simply a beautiful book that was delightful to read.***

*'The One Memory of Flora Banks' tells the story of Flora; a girl who has suffered with anterograde amnesia - the inability to remember anything - since she was 10 years old. This all changes however, when she kisses a boy and doesn't forget.*

*Emily Barr has a talent for bringing fictional characters to life and building a great connection with the reader. Flora is an extremely lovable main character and without a doubt is the reason I loved this book so much. Through her narration, we as the reader experience raw emotions of optimism, doubt, fear and frustration. All her feelings are hugely relatable and there were moments in the book where the author was describing feelings and thoughts I've experienced at points in my life, making the book that much more special.*

*The story is centred on Flora and her adventure of self-discovery. It is perhaps thought of as a love story initially but as the story progresses we realise this is a book about growing up, becoming independent and one girl's determination to explore and be brave again and again. Highly recommended.*

**Lola Bridgeman, age 19**

***Oh my heart. This book deserves to be huge. It is a beautiful, elegant look at how you think you are lost but really you are the one who is found.***

*This book...where do I start? It was epic, unforgettable, tear jerking and so much more. Flora suffers from anterograde amnesia. She relies on notes, her parents and her best friend Paige, to maintain balance in her life. Until she turns 17, kisses the wrong boy and embarks on an adventure to find the boy who sparks the one memory she cannot and will not lose. Her motto is 'Flora be brave'. **Flora is braver and stronger and so vividly brought to life that you will never forget her.***

**Jenny Duffy, age 23**

*Flora has anterograde amnesia, meaning she has no short-term memory. She can remember what happened before her accident, but her day-to-day life is a mystery to her. She can't even remember what age she is. Then, she kisses someone she shouldn't have, and she remembers it. This sets Flora off on an extraordinary quest to regain her memory.*

*This is an exciting thriller, and a very promising debut. Flora is a protagonist the reader will root for, and the secondary characters are also interesting. I loved the 'Be Brave' message, and Flora's relationships with Paige and Jacob. The setting is dramatic, and the stakes are very high. There are plenty of twists and turns and the plot is intriguing.*

***Flora's memory loss was used to excellent effect and Barr really gets the sense of disorientation and confusion across.*** *She is an unreliable narrator, which is always interesting, and the reader is also in the dark about many things. I felt there was a lot of information given at the end, but given the nature of Flora's amnesia this was somewhat unavoidable.*

*I would definitely recommend this book and I look forward to reading more from Emily Barr!*

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**Rebekah Marsh, age 14**

***'The One Memory of Flora Banks' portrays the difficulties of living with a disease such as amnesia. However, with Flora the book proves that these difficulties can enhance your life in many ways.***

*This book was incredibly meaningful and portrayed the bond Flora has with a number of people within an amazing plot line. However, personally I found the book rather slow paced and maybe took a while longer than usual to read it. The book may be better suited to someone preferring a lengthy read as opposed to a fast paced novel. Personally, I loved the opening and ending to the novel; however the middle content wasn't for me. Saying this, the book was still amazing and I would highly recommend it.*

**Erin Zammitt, age 16**

***You'll fall in love with Flora Banks - and you'll fall in love with this book as well.***

*Flora Banks is seventeen years old, but since she was ten she has had anterograde amnesia, where she has next to no short term memory. But one night, she kisses a boy on a beach. And Flora remembers. What follows will take her to places never thought possible.*

*I love this book so much, it's now one of my favourites of all time. The last time I had a reaction like this to a book was when I read 'We Were Liars' and you could make a comparison between them although they are completely different novels.*

*I completely fell in love with Flora, she has such an incredible personality and the fact that she is an unreliable narrator adds so much to the story.*

*I think it's better to go into this book without reading too much about it, but I couldn't recommend it more. **The writing is so beautiful and unique, and there are so many twists and turns**, it's likely that if you think that the story is over, it isn't, and there will be another twist around the corner. One thing is sure, that Flora and her story will stay with you long after you have turned the final page.*

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**Amelia White, age 17**

***An amazingly well written story, I really connected with Flora and felt what she was feeling throughout the book. It was cleverly wrote and allowed me to understand what it's like to have amnesia.***

*We've all had those moments where we forget something, our memory goes blank causing us to become confused, but only momentarily, sometimes the thought comes back, other times it doesn't. That's Flora's life, she cannot remember. Throughout the book I've really be able to connect with Flora, Barr did an amazing job with this book! It like you became Flora, when she was confused, I was confused, the way in which it was written enabled me to understand what it would feel like to have Amnesia. I really enjoyed this story, especially the trip to the North Pole where Flora got the opportunity to learn about herself but also uncover some lies about her family. The letter from her brother Jacob brought a tear to my eye, it uncovered secrets that were being hidden from Flora.*

**Megan Abbott, age 18**

***Devastatingly amazing! This book was such an interesting read and really couldn't put the book down once I had started.***

*Seventeen-year-old Flora Banks has no short-term memory as her mind resets itself several times a day, and has since the age of ten. That is, until she kisses a boy. You follow Flora's adventure of dealing with her illness and trying to grow up. I really did enjoy reading this novel as it was different to anything else I have read before. I loved that the structure allows for the reader to find out everything along with the main character, which really did make me feel connected to the novel and had me quite emotional at some points. I would definitely recommend this book!*

**Grace Spear, age 14**

***I really enjoyed this book and connected really well with Flora. Everything flowed really well and I loved her adventures.***

*The one memory of Flora Banks is a heart stopping story about a seventeen year old girl with anterograde. She is an extremely unique character and I've never read about someone like her. Living with her short term memory means she can't remember anything after the age of ten. Floras brave, and when she kisses a boy on the beach her life dramatically changes because she remembers it! Her brother Jacob is very ill so her parents have to go to him and she is left home alone. In that short space of time she goes on an adventure to find her true love from the beach, writing everything that goes on down.*

*The chapters flew by as I couldn't stop reading it. I found that it was a little bit slow starting but I enjoyed part two and three. When you read this book you really feel all of Floras emotions and you can connect really well with her. The only thing I disliked about this book was how repetitive it was because she only has one memory she has to repeat herself a lot. I'd recommend this book to teenagers who love stories with a dramatic story line.*

**Humaira, age 18**

***I flew through this book just as I would with any good book. It was a great read; a book that I adored and will be rereading soon because it was well written. Fabulous book!***

**Kyra, age 17**

***The One Memory of Flora Banks is a divine conglomeration of serendipitous journeys, mystery, and eccentricity that provides a thrilling literary experience.***

*The One Memory of Flora Banks is a spectacular story about an unforgettable character's extraordinary journey to the sublime Arctic in an attempt to find the boy who made her remember. But don't mistake this book for a magical, fluffy love story – it's a gritty look into the hardships of those living with amnesia, a dark insight into what grief and fear can turn us into, an atmosphere thick with suspense and mystery as a girl with a fur coat and letters to herself streaked down her arms stares down her demons in the eyes and soars to the ethereal Norwegian landscape. I've never read a book quite like The One Memory of Flora Banks and I doubt I ever will. Utterly captivating.*

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