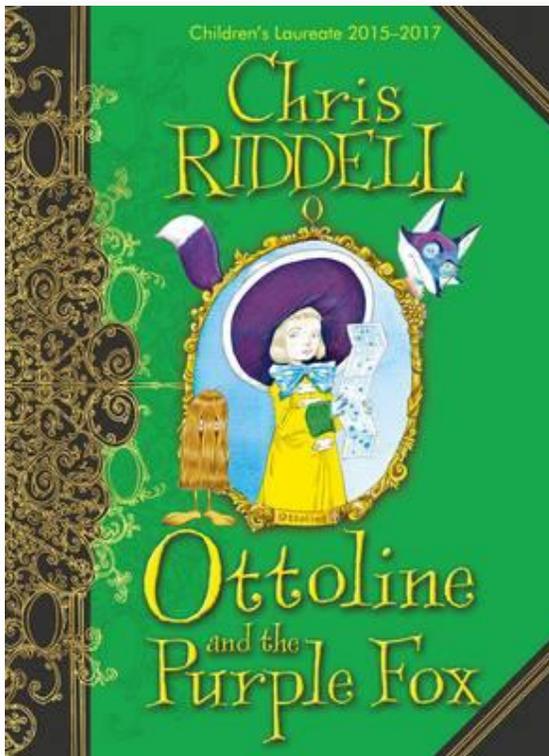


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Ottoline and the Purple Fox** by Chris Riddell

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



**Anya Fuller, age 9**

***I love it! Ottoline is a great character with a great imagination!***

***'Ottoline and the Purple Fox' is a brilliant book!***

*When Ottoline decides to hold a dinner party, she has to tidy up. When she goes out that night to throw some things away she discovers a purple fox...*

*My favourite character was Ottoline because she was very curious and detective-like. She was also very kind and helped others if they had a problem. My second favourite character was Mr Munroe because*

*he's a troll and he's got really long hair which Ottoline likes to brush.*

*My favourite part was when they found out about the purple fox because he was so funny and his home was really cool!*

*I like how there is lots of labelling instead of just writing it normally.*

*Chris Riddell's drawings are really good and they really match the descriptions in the story. I like how instead of keeping the pictures plain he chooses one colour (in this case purple) and coloured in little bits of them.*

*I would recommend this book for people who like the other Ottoline books. Age-wise I would recommend it for 7+.*

**Zoe Basson, age 9**

***Once again I am amazed. I have read most of Chris Riddell's books and they just seem to be getting better!***

*'Ottoline and the Purple Fox' led me into a world where you can go on an urban safari, meet new people at every corner and party with gorillas!*

***Quirky, cool and funny, this book is perfect for children and adults of every age. I couldn't put it down!***

**Mila Humphryes, age 9**

***'Ottoline and the Purple Fox' is a page turner of a book, fantastically exciting, creative, mind-boggling and breath-taking. I loved it so much that I read it in one day - a personal record.***

*This book is about a purple fox who lives in a bin. For his living the fox does safaris around the big city. He shows muffin eating meerkats, blue flamingos, zebras that cross zebra crossings and shy gorillas in bad clothes.*

*He has an assistant called Crimson Vixen, who likes writing poems and she leaves them around the city attached to lampposts. But the purple fox doesn't notice Vixen's talent. How will Ottoline get the fox to notice the Crimson Vixen?*

*My favourite character is the Purple Fox because he is cheeky and cunning. I like that he is interested in recycled junk.*

*My favourite part is when we meet the shy gorillas because they wear funky out of date fashion clothes.*

*I recommend this enjoyable book to younger book fans aged 6-10 year old who like a lot of adventure, mischief and fun.*

**Ava Sorrell, age 10**

*Ottoline is a young girl who lives with her best friend Mr Munroe in Apartment 243, Peppercorn Building where, even though they don't know it, they are about to have another thrilling adventure.....*

***'Ottoline and the Purple Fox' is one of those books, like all of Chris Riddell's, that once you pick it up you can't put it down. I thought it was an amazing, exciting and decorative book that really drew me in.***

**Harriet Parker, age 9**

***This book is a fun fantasy with amazing pictures. I loved it.***

*I really liked this book because I liked the pictures and how the purple fox took Ottoline on an urban safari, seeing all the animals that lived in the town.*

*Ottoline's parents always go on trips and come back with interesting souvenirs. The purple fox lives in the bin in Ottoline's apartment. They meet when there is a dinner party and she has to put some rubbish in the bin. There are lots of pictures and they are very detailed and interesting to look at. I also liked the fancy dress fortune teller at the back.*

**Toby Little, age 8**

*This book was so good that I don't really have words. It's about a girl called Ottoline and her friend Mr. Munroe, who live in Big City. Ottoline's parents are "roving collectors", they travel all over the world to collect things. One day, Ottoline and Mr. Munroe meet the Purple Fox, and he shows them all the strange creatures living in the city, for example a fashion store gorilla in the jungle roof garden, or meerkats living in manholes...or even blue library flamingos. When they meet the crimson vixen, Mr Fox's assistant, Mr Fox tells them that she can't really do anything, except from making people go up in a hot air balloon. When Ottoline decides to have a "Big City's Got Talent" competition, all sorts of hidden talents are revealed...*

***I like this book because it shows that people can surprise you, and the book is funny, too. I really wish it was longer.*** *The book is easy to read, and I think all the funny drawings would help children who don't like reading as much like reading more.*

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**Monty Benton, age 8**

***This book was so good. I read it in one go as soon as I got it.*** *My favourite part is quite hard to pick because it was all so good but if I had to choose I would pick the bit where the fox popped his head out of the bin and took Ottoline on an adventure to the big city library and the big city muffin shop. I haven't read any Ottoline books before but I really want to go and read all the others now. I love the illustrations and the poems on the lampposts and the*

illustrations were great all the way through. I made the fortune teller and it was nice to have an activity to do that was part of the story. **I would definitely give it 10/10 and would recommend it to children aged 7-teenagers but grownups would love it too!**

**Beatrice Whithear, age 9**

***A fantastic book about a little girl called Ottoline, her best friend Mr Munroe and meeting a Purple Fox.***

*I can't believe I have never read any of Ottoline books!*

*This book is full of fun pictures, funny captions and a great story.*

*The pictures are brilliant, I loved the items that Ottoline's parents have sent back from their travels, her odd shoe collection and Ottoline's drawings in her scrap book.*

*There is so much going on, the dinner party, the lamp post poet and then they meet the Purple Fox who shows them even more animals who they have never met when they go on a midnight urban safari.*

*The fancy dress fortune teller looks great fun and I can't wait to try it out.*

***I really want to read all the Ottoline books now, I would score this 9 3/4 out of 10.***

**Bethany Urquhart, age 10**

***The book is as good as the first ones in the series but slightly different.*** *It's really funny in some places and serious in the others. I really like the fashion store gorillas in the 'urban safari' and enjoyed the part where Ottoline is listening to the pipes in the basement. It's **a great book and is suitable for all.***

**Rebecca Urquhart, age 7**

***This book was quite exciting and I liked the story.*** *It gets you into the book quite well. The illustrations are good and I noticed that Ottoline always wears different shoes. I have read other Ottoline books and enjoyed those too. I liked the story and my favourite character was Miss MacIntosh because she looked cute. My favourite part of the story is when they meet the fox because he has a nice home in a bin. I think both boys and girls would like this story and it*

would be a good class reader too.

**Olivia Faulkner, age 10**

***I would really recommend for people my age to read this book; Ottoline is my favourite book character. The fantastic pictures make it even better!***

*I really enjoyed 'Ottoline and the Purple Fox'. It is a story about a girl called Ottoline and her best friend Mr Munroe (who is a weird hairy little creature from a bog in Norway). Ottoline's parents are explorers and are not around and she has to look after herself. This is the fourth Ottoline adventure story and my second favourite after 'Ottoline Goes to Sea'.*

*In this story Ottoline and Mr Munroe are hosting a dinner party and need to clear out the store cupboard. They go to throw away the things they don't need and find a friendly purple fox in the bin. They invite the fox to the party and he is a big hit with their friends. The rest of the adventure is about Mr Fox introducing Ottoline to his favourite animal friends- including blue flamingos, fashion gorillas and mini zebra's - and showing them his favourite things to do.*

*This is a really good book that I couldn't put down. The illustrations are really imaginative and it was great to see Ada Goth pop up in one section - another of my favourite book characters - from Goth Girl.*

*I would recommend this book to everyone and can't wait for the next Ottoline adventure.*

**Daniel Bisland, age 9**

*This book is about a girl called Ottoline and her friend Mr Munroe. One day, Ottoline was emptying the house and met a Purple Fox who lived in the bins. Later that day, Ottoline decided to have a party. So, she invited all her friends including the Purple Fox and his assistant the Crimson Vixen. On the night everyone came and had a good time. At the end of the party, the Purple Fox asked Ottoline and Mr Munroe if they wanted to go on an Urban Safari. So, they said yes and did it! After the safari, they met up with the Crimson Vixen and saw that she was sad because the Purple Fox didn't seem to like her.*

*However, with the help of their friends, they made a plan to make the Purple Fox like her. Will their plan help make them become best friends? Does the plan work? I recommend it to 7+ and give it 5\*. **I love this book, especially the illustrations. Chris Riddell is the best author/illustrator ever. If you***

***haven't discovered Chris Riddell yet, read his other Ottoline books as they are great!***

**Sabina, age 8**

***I read this book in one day because it was so good! I loved all the characters in it, as well as the settings. I think everyone should read it!!! I think that this book is amazing; in fact, it was so good that I read it all on the day I received it! It was about Ottoline and her best friend Mr Munroe on an adventure with a Purple fox, seeing many other animals on the way! I liked it because it was imaginative, and the pictures were illustrated very well. I would recommend this book for ages 5+. My favourite part in the book was when Ottoline met another girl who looked exactly like her, and the other girl's pet looked like Mr Munroe as well. I have read the other books in the series, and they have all been just as good! I hope there will be another one! I also think the author made it very interesting, other wise it wouldn't have drawn me in, and I wouldn't have read it all in one day!***

**Evie, age 11**

*Great illustrations and a fun toy to play with. I liked this book as it contained fun things to think about and a fun toy as well.*

*My favourite character is Mr Munroe, he never talks but he is very funny and he collects string.*

***There are some beautiful illustrations in the book with lots of fun little details. There are some great pictures of the party at the end of the book. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series.***