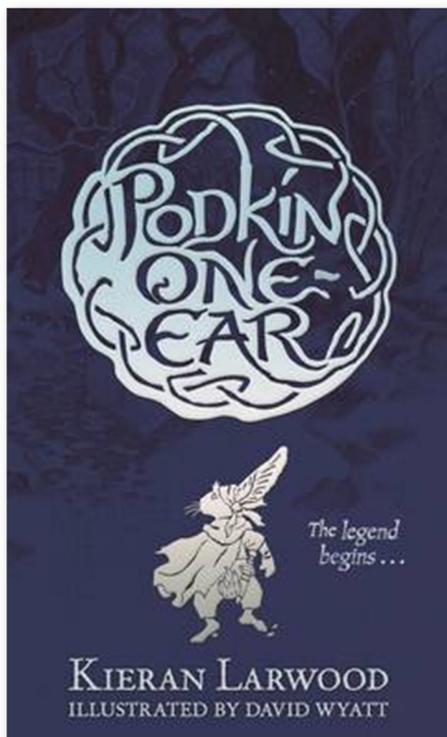


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Podkin One – Ear** by Kieran Larwood

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



Alex, age 10

*I found myself a little scared when I started reading this book. **The descriptions were written so well that I could imagine the characters' everyday lives - including their worries and hopes!** Wow! This book is about a rabbit called Podkin who is the son of a chieftain of Munburry Warren. When Munburry Warren is attacked by the ruthless Gorm (evil rabbits who could turn things into iron armour and weaponry), Podkin must escape with his brother and sister Paz and Pook. They go on a hair-raising adventure to save their family and try to stop the Gorm from terrorising the realm. I liked this book because of the themes around nature and the magic of the story.*

Cally Evans, age 10

This is one of the best books I have ever read and, believe me, I have read a lot!

It is a dark and stormy 'bramlemus' night and a wandering bard stops in the nearest burrow (he is a rabbit). He is asked to tell a story and he tells the story of 'Podkin One-Ear', like no one has heard it before.

This is a really fabulous book that captures the life of little Podkin One-Ear and his adventure to save his mother and the rest of the rabbit community. The story is amazingly written, very descriptive and flows beautifully. It was a pleasure to read and I could not put it down. A brilliant tale of Podkin's journey from young rabbit to courageous warrior.

Sam Harper, age 11

Like 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'Watership Down' mixed together, this magical adventure pulled me in from the very first page and I just couldn't put it down.

This is the story of Podkin One-Ear and how a young, two-eared rabbit who was a little bit lazy grew up to be a one-eared, giant-slaying hero. Podkin lives with his sister Paz and baby brother Pook in Manbury. His father is the chieftain and Podkin will take over from him when he grows up but there are bad things happening in the land. The Gorm, an evil band of rabbits in iron armour, led by the monster Scramashank, are destroying warrens and turning rabbits into Gorm slaves. When they arrive at Manbury, Pod, Paz and Pook have to run for their lives and they don't think they will see their family again. They are cold, hungry and scared but they have got Starclaw, a magic dagger that can cut through almost anything. It is one of the Twelve Treasures that the Gorm are searching for and Pod must keep it from them at all costs. There's nowhere safe for them to hide but the mysterious Brigid takes them into her secret burrow and teaches them about the balance of natural magic and dark, iron magic. The Gorm are trying to shatter the balance and take over the world so Pod, Paz and Pook need to keep running. They hide in Boneroot, a town of runaways, where they meet the acrobats Mash and Mish and the old, blind warrior, Corm. But the Gorm won't give up until they have destroyed all of the Treasures and the friends are going to need all of their acrobatics, sword-skills, potions, and magic if they are to stand a chance against them. Will Pod and his friends be strong enough to defeat the Gorm and will he ever see his family again?

I couldn't put this magical adventure down. I loved the illustrations and how the whole tale was told by a travelling bard on Bramblemas Eve. Fantastic!

Mariyya Khan, age 9

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My favourite characters were Podkin/Paz.

Podkin was the bravest. I can't believe a little rabbit stood up to the Gorm!

Evie, age 11

Rabbits with attitude, an exciting adventure story.

I really enjoyed this book. When I started reading it, I was expecting it to be like 'Watership Down'; I was in for a surprise!

The story is set in a sort of post-apocalyptic world where humans have disappeared and rabbits have formed tribes and are slowly being hunted down by the mysterious Gorm.

Podkin starts off as a spoiled lazy rabbit but events mean he soon has to change his ways.

The action starts quickly so I wanted to keep reading, I can't wait for book two to come out as the first book ended on a bit of a cliff-hanger.

Dylan de Los Santos, age 12

'Podkin One Ear' is a great book for people who like adventure books and love to be surprised. Overall I would rate this book a 5 stars because it had a lot of action and always kept me thinking.

'Podkin One Ear' is an amazing adventure story about three courageous rabbits running away from pure evil only with themselves to keep them company. With one of the rabbits being chieftains son who wielding one of the most powerful weapons on earth given by his mother. However these rabbit lack the skill of surviving, lucky for them they had some help on the way.

Alex Bateman, age 10

Sublime, Splendid, Superb! *That is what I thought about this book. It's amazing. **It's an adventure that keeps you wanting to read on and on into the night.** As soon as I started to read it I knew this book would be one that I would remember for the rest of my life! Its prodigious beauty lies in the plot and the writer's use of description. The book is written in an old fashioned way but it is based in the future which is an unusual but effective way of writing. The story is about a group of rabbits (Pook, Podkin and Paz), whose father, the chief, was murdered by the Gorm, an army of savage, ruthless, merciless rabbits. One the run with the Gorm close behind, the story holds you wondering whether the young rabbits will survive or if they will perish at the hands of the Gorm's cold iron blade. This is a book I thoroughly recommend to anyone. It was **a joy to read and absolutely world class.***

Bella Perez, age 11

*'Podkin One Ear' is about a young rabbit on a mission to defeat the Gorm. I wouldn't recommend this to those who aren't a fan of gory details as this book has plenty. **It's a captivating story** once read further on and kept me entertained for hours. Overall it's **a book that can push your imagination beyond your boundaries.***

Tariq Mustfa, age 11

'Podkin One-Ear' is a fantastic book about a rabbit called Podkin** who is a lazy chieftain's son destined to be the next chieftain of the Munbury warren. The special thing about 'Podkin One Ear' is that Podkin, his older sister Paz and his younger brother Pook always manage to get out of the situations they get put in - that is without being chased by the evil Scramashank and his army of Gorm, although they have Starclaw on their side. **I would definitely recommend this book.

Isabel, age 9

An unusual adventure story which I loved.

I really enjoyed this book, it was an exciting adventure.

The beginning was kind of sad with Podkin's father dying but I loved the ending and the plot twist.

Summer, age 10

'Podkin One-Ear' is a story about three little rabbits on a big adventure. Ok, stop right there. If you are thinking of fluffy bunnies in blue coats in Mr McGregor's garden, you couldn't be more wrong!

These are brave rabbits whose parents have been killed in their very own warren and they have to travel throughout the land and battle the frightening Gorm with just a handful of friends.

Paz, Podkin and Pook are driven from their home by the hideous iron and flesh rabbits who want to take over all of the warrens. Whilst they are on the run from the Gorm, they have many adventures and end up having to fight for their lives many times.

I wasn't so keen on reading the book at the beginning, but then I seemed to get

to a point where I couldn't put the book down and had to keep reading till the very end. It's cleverly written and has a good twist at the end. I really want to read the sequel now and read about the many other adventures of Podkin One-Ear. There could be so many other books.

Whilst this is no 'Lord of the Rings', my little brother now asks me every night for me to tell him about The Legend of Podkin One-Ear and I think it will be a story that we will both remember when we have grown up.

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Hattie Benton, age 11

This is a book worth reading. It's a mixture of fantasy, bravery and mischievousness and proves that it doesn't matter how big you are!

This isn't a book I would usually go for as I prefer real life stories. However, this book was a real journey. It's a real fantasy like 'Lord of the Rings' mixed with adventure and heroism. There are some close scrapes and escapes which keep you reading. I would recommend this to boys and girls from about ten years old and I would buy another book in this series.