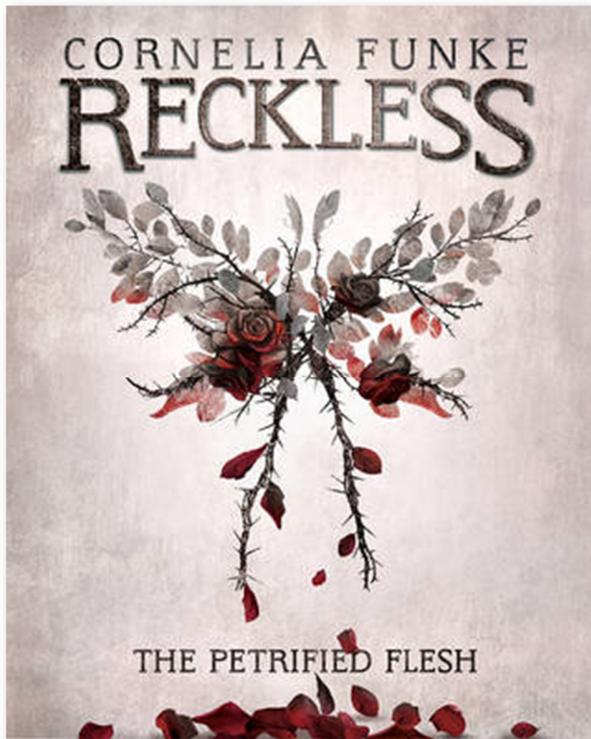


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Reckless: The Petrified Flesh** by Cornelia Funke

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



**Emma Baird, age 10**

*When I first received my copy of Reckless I felt slightly pessimistic about reading it because it seemed to be boyish, but I would definitely recommend them to girls too!*

*This is the first book in a series and it is about a boy called Jacob Reckless. In this book Jacob's brother enters a magical land called Mirrorworld and gets bitten by a horrible creature whose bites turn any creature into a deadly stone warrior. These stone warriors are called goyle and Jacob's Brother Will is about to become a very rare one.*

*In this book Jacob tries desperately to save his brother, but it seems like almost the whole*

*of Mirrorworld is against him, so he is glad of his friend Fox, a shape shifting girl by his side.*

*I really like 'Reckless' because I like books with adventures and magic in them. There's never a boring moment and you never know what's going to happen next. Also it's really easy to visualise what's happening.*

*In most books I read I have a favourite character and in this one it's Jacob's friend Fox because she is so brave and scared at the same time and I think it would be really cool if I could transform into a fox. This book made me laugh out loud and it made me cry. I can't wait to read another of Cornelia Funke's books.*

## **Emer O'Brien**

*'Reckless' is a fabulous adventure story, set in a magical land behind a mirror. Jacob Reckless, our hero, is a boy from our world who finds his way to this place where fairytales are everyday occurrences. He learns the true danger of this world, however, when his little brother Will follows him through the mirror and immediately falls prey to one of the foulest creatures in existence. Jacob must race against time to stop Will from becoming a stone monster. I cannot praise Cornelia Funke enough. Once again she has created a world of gothic wonder. Every aspect of this story makes the heartbeat faster, and I myself have fallen in love with the Mirrorworld. A fast-paced adventure with which the reader is instantly enthralled. Jacob Reckless is undoubtedly one of the finest heroes I have ever come across. Dashing, brave, yet gorgeously flawed, I almost think I could recognise him if he waked down the street. But he is not the only character worth mentioning. Fox, his devoted shape shifting friend, risks her life for him again and again, but bizarrely, won't tell him her real name. The two face a deadly adversary, the beautiful Dark Fairy, who is as original a character as any other in this book. The story is easy to understand and follow, and whilst the book is set in a magical land, some parts are dark, and quite scary. This book is highly recommended to anyone with an active imagination, who is willing to believe in magic.*

## **Daisy Penncock**

*Jacob Reckless finds his escape in a magical mirror which leads to another world, a world where fairy tales are not just stories, they are reality and where a shape-shifter called Fox is his best friend. However, when his brother Will follows him through the mirror, what will he do when Will gets bitten and starts turning into stone? It's a race against time as Jacob tries desperately to find the cure. When Jacob thinks he has finally found a way to get his brother back, he realises the price he has to pay for his brother's life. His brother is sent back through the mirror and Jacob is left with Fox. They desperately try to find a magical crossbow which could save Jacob, but they are in a race against another treasure hunter...who will find what they need first?*

*These fast-paced books will make you breathless and wishing you had a magical mirror, just like Jacob, in your bedroom!*

## **Ellie Cameron-Hart age 10**

*'Reckless' by Cornelia Funke is a thrilling adventurous novel full of mystery. Jacob Reckless is a treasure hunter, whose father has disappeared and whose brother is turning into stone. Jacob needs to save his brother before it is too late. I have never read a Cornelia Funke book before, but I have really enjoyed the way she describes her characters and builds up the mystery and suspense. I've loved being introduced with the fairy tale like characters. I am looking forward to reading the sequel 'Living Shadows'. I would recommend this book for 10+ pupils because any younger might not understand the book.*

**Dana Colville, year 12 ,age 15 St. Colm's High School, Draperstown, NI**

*I like the main characters Jake, Fox and Will. Jacob Reckless is a treasure hunter in the magical world behind the mirror, but is he too reckless???? He is joined by a shape shifting girl called Fox. But the story really takes off when his nosey brother, Will, follows him through the mirror.*

*The book is extremely enjoyable, full of wonders that can only come from the mind of Cornelia Funke. I have always liked short chapters because you feel as if you are racing through the book at speed. The fast pace of the book makes you want to read more. Vicious diseases intertwining with young love and fantasy of many kinds make the characters seem so real. The way in which the story is described with a vast amount of detail made the images in your head so vivid you can almost hear the words beingspoken.*

*A truly tantalising novel. Teenagers will love this novel. Can't wait to read the next novel in this series.*