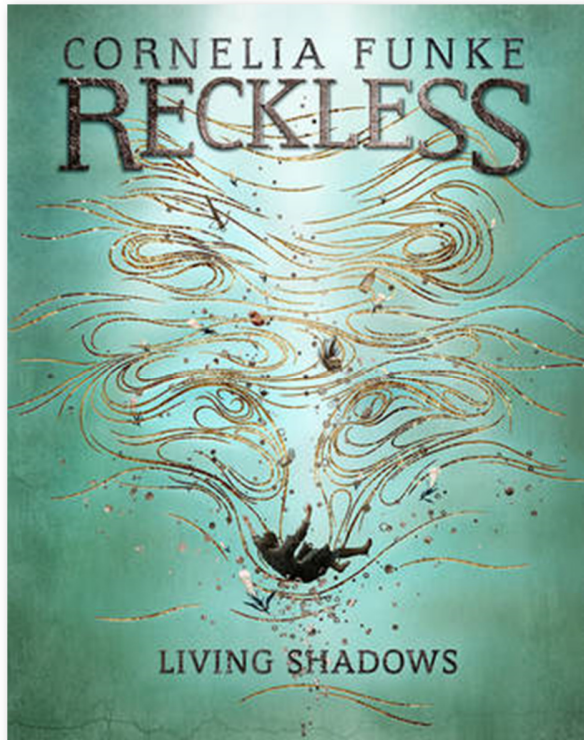


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Reckless: Living Shadows** by Cornelia Funke

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



Conor Kenneally

'Living Shadows' is an exciting book written by Cornelia Funke. It is the second book in the series about Jacob Reckless. The first book in the series is called 'Reckless'. She has written many other books such as the Inkheart series. Cornelia is from Germany but she lives in California. The main character is Jacob Reckless. Some other characters are Fox and Nerron. 'Living Shadows' is about Jacob Reckless who is trying to find a cross bow that can shoot through anything. In order to find the crossbow Jacob has to find the heart, the head and the hand of a

dead king called Guismond. My favourite character was Nerron because although he was a baddie, I thought he was funny. It had quite a slow start to the book but after a while I got addicted to it because it was exciting when Jacob was looking for the body pieces.

Emer O'Brien

Cornelia Funke brings back all the magic of the 'Mirrorworld' with the sequel, Fearless Jacob Reckless has restored his brother, but now he must fight for his own life, and save himself from the Dark Fairy's curse. The one treasure that can cure him is one that destroys as much as it heals. The same pace and adventure is evident in this book, and the magical storytelling continues. Jacob is the same achingly imperfect hero, but in this book, he falls in love, which adds

yet another dimension to this fabulously crafted character. Once again, Fox faithfully accompanies him. Her character becomes a little more defined and detailed, and her beginnings are finally revealed. As well as the return of old characters, new faces appear. Jacob finds a new adversary, as well as a mysterious ally, to whom he soon owes his life. The world behind the mirror is constantly changing and evolving around the reader, which is a sign of an author confident enough in herself to change something already so good. It also makes the world a little more relatable to ours. Cornelia Funke has done it again, and thrown us another masterpiece. Fans of the 'Mirrorworld' series will adore this latest installation, and she is sure to pick up new followers with this unbelievable creation.

Christopher Tanner, aged 11

'Living Shadows' is one of the best books I have read; everyone should read it from aged ten. The characters are brilliant because you are so involved with them. It inspires you to read more and more of this book, making you want more of it. Jacob has saved his brother, but faces certain death. After saying the dark fairies name he has months to live. In this action packed adventure behind the mirror, can Jacob and the shape shifting girl Fox find the missing treasure which is best left alone. His rival is always one step ahead of him although he doesn't know it until it's too late. Will he survive? The descriptions of the world are fantastic; the way it's written is like the world today just one hundred years behind and with similar names and places. Jacob is my favourite character in it the way he thinks of others and not much of himself makes it really exciting. This is a fast paced fantasy story with lots of action. We need more!

James Goodall

'Living Shadows' is a terrific book that captures you and transports you, as it does with Jacob Reckless, into a magical world. Jacob Reckless is a treasure hunter and an explorer going on vast adventures. Jacob has returned from the Mirrorworld on a special quest which may be the only way to save his life, but he must return back through the mirror to the magical land where he now belongs and to be with his soul mate, Fox. Jacob must hunt for a magical crossbow in a dark and gloomy tomb but when it is discovered missing a hunt ensues for a hand, a heart and a head. When Jacob realises he must race against time and also a Goyle, a prince, a beetle and a Waterman who also seek to find the hand, the heart and the head, he realises that time and fortune are

against him. Fearless will take you on a journey filled with magic, evil and excitement. Will Jacob succeed?

Carla Mc Guigan, age 12 St. Colm's High School, Co. Derry N.I.

This is my first time reading a book by Cornelia Funke. After Jacob Reckless father disappears, Jacob discovers another world behind the mirror, so Jacob becomes a treasure hunter in the world behind the mirror and saving his younger brother Will from a skin of stone. Can Jacob rid himself of the curse that the red fairy put on him before death comes and claims him for good? Fox the shape-shifting girl, a companion Jacob has had for many a year, helps Jacob in his search for the cure which is best left unfound. Fox who is carrying a secret love for Jacob is afraid of what will happen if they never find the cure. This novel was so compelling, I just couldn't set in down!!! This novel is...Fantastic!!!

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!

Jasmine Randall

As the sequel to 'The Petrified Flesh', 'Living Shadows' was everything I expected and more. I loved 'The Petrified Flesh' but 'Living Shadows' was even better because the adventure plot was stronger and therefore more exciting. I liked the way that there was a race between humans and Goyl to be the first to find the crossbow. I would recommend this book for both boys and girls who enjoy reading fantasy books based in a completely different world. It was amazing

and I hope there will be a third one to follow in the series.

Teresa Hegarty, age 12

'Living Shadows' continues the story of Jacob and Will and their adventures through the mirror. Jacob is hunting for clues in his dad's office and finds his way through the mirror. Unknown to him, his brother Will follows him. They both fall under a spell and are cursed. The excitement mounts as Jacob travels around the world trying to find a cure for the Red Fairy and Black Fairy curses. Fox, the shape-shifting girl, accompanies him on his quest through this magical world of fantastical creatures. Can he find them before it's too late????????????? Or should things be left well alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You must read this book to find out what the outcome is. I thought the story was very thrilling, exciting and adventurous. Percy Jackson fans will love it. 'Inkheart' fans will love these books even more. This is an amazing story by a brilliant author.