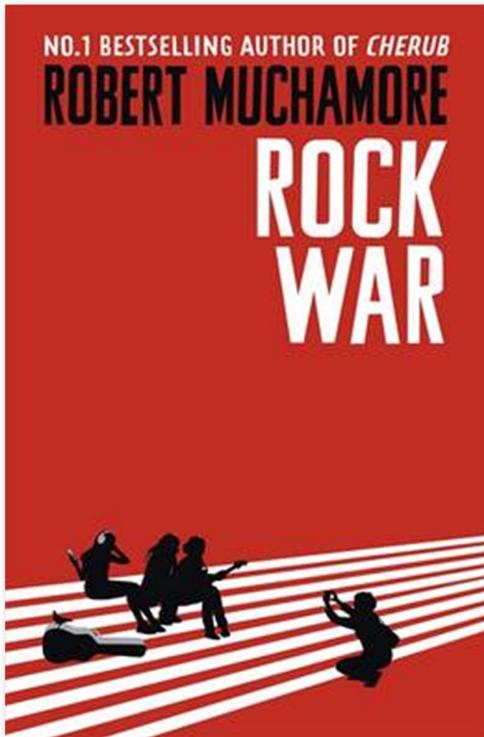


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Rock War** Book 1 in the Rock War Series by **Robert Muchamore**

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



**Dylan Sweet, age 13**

*'ROCK WAR' is a brilliant book by Robert Muchamore which follows the story of young musicians trying to make the big time. **An ingenious idea from a great author. Amazing!** I have not read the Cherub series by Robert Muchamore but I really like this book and it has made me aware of how great a writer he is. Robert Muchamore came into my school and answered questions and gave a speech. He talked about this book which made me want to buy it. The plot is quite simple but when the main characters get together and make music, they enter a festival called Rock War. This leads into a world of opportunities but fall outs follow. My favourite character is Jay because he is*

*always getting into rows with his rubbish drummer, Tristan. Jay is one of the main characters in the book and creates a big impact on the story. My favourite scene is when Summer and her band are being chased on a train. This book would appeal to people who like Robert Muchamore's style of writing and for older readers. **I rate it an enjoyable 5 star.***

**Emily Kirby, age 12**

*'Rock War' is a great book and I would happily recommend it but not to younger readers due to the swearing and violence. It takes a bit of time to get into but then it's really good. You follow three people Jay, Summer and Dylan. Nobody has an easy life. There is lot of drama especially because*

*Jay has six siblings and Summer lives with her sick Nan. All of their lives are very different the only thing they have in common is that they are in a band. Later on, three of the four bands you follow battle it out for the title of 'Rock the Lock Champion 2014'.*

**Holly Carver, age 13**

*I really enjoyed this book, the best bit was when they were in the Mansion with Dylan – I liked how the rooms were described. The funniest bit was when Dylan had a fight with a rugby player. I love the fact that the pages were coloured and I much prefer the orange book cover to the red, white and black one.*

**Anastasia Abdian, age 12**

*Rock War is an entertaining book that switches between the stories of three people Dylan, Summer and Jay. **Full of humour it is a great book that anyone 12+ should read.** 'Rock War' is a fantastic book that will make you laugh. I would recommend this for readers 12+ as there is some content unsuitable for younger readers. However it is a great book all the same that switches between the three main characters Dylan, Jay and Summer.*

**Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 14**

*This book follows bands and the ups and downs they face when starting up.*

***I really enjoyed this book and how you got to learn about each of the characters. I loved the layout of the book as well. The book was definitely filled with action as well. I would rate this book five out of five stars.** I can tell you that the sequel is good because I started reading that one first before I realised it was the sequel!*

**Jamie Bamford, age 12**

***'Rock War' by Robert Muchamore is an incredible book that I would rate 8 out of 10. 12+ with some very strong language. I would definitely recommend this book because it's something very different.***

*'Rock War' by Robert Muchamore is an incredible book following three young children as they pursue their careers as musicians in bands. It follows the ups*

*and downs of the bands these three kids are in as they try and work their way into a nationwide famous competition. These kids are all from different backgrounds, one from a rough estate with his family struggling to get money, one who's a young carer because her only close family is her gran who has chronic asthma and one who's stinking rich, goes to a private school and lives in a mansion. This book has quite strong language (swearing and occasional sexual references) so I would say around 12+ however it would definitely have to be reviewed by parents before reading. I loved this book a lot because it's something different to what I usually read and I read a lot so probably different to what most other people read. 8 out of 10 and a definite recommendation.*

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**Adam Goodman, age 13**

***A great introduction to the series, which gripped me immediately. I would highly recommend it as it is a great read!***

*'Rock War' is a great book which I really enjoyed. It is the first book of the series, so whilst it's not as exciting and enjoyable as its sequels, it is a great introduction, sets the scene and introduces you to the characters. I like the fact it tells you the stories of the 3 main bands simultaneously which, in the end, find themselves together in the same competition and in Boot Camp. It really gripped me and so far, the series is unputdownable! I would recommend this book followed by the rest of the series as it is a great read and is generally about kids having the times of their lives. As you progress through, it becomes better and better!*

**Alice, age 12**

***Rock war is the biggest competition for bands all around the country. The best bands will get selected and then they will battle it out on TV to find the ultimate winner.***

*Twelve bands get chosen to compete in Rock War. Summer, Jay and Dylan are some of the people in those bands. They are fighting for everything, this is their life.*

*I really enjoyed this book (and the other ones in the series) because it was new, had a brilliant plot and it was really descriptive and interesting. Robert Muchamore seems to be very inventive and new with his stories.*

*You may have read Robert Muchamore's 'Cherub' series which is very different to this series. However it is just as exciting and gripping.*

*Rock War is a bit like X factor in written form giving you an insight into what might go on behind the scenes in the show. Once you start reading this book you are drawn into the characters and plot and want to read your way through the whole series quickly. **I would recommend this book as it is gripping and exciting.***

### **Jenna Welch, age 12**

*I am going to start by saying **I absolutely loved this book** and that **it was so funny**. I loved it because it was quite grown up but not too grown up and I liked this book because I usually struggle to find books that aren't too grown up or too easy to read (babyish) for me. I would definitely recommend it for tween of young teen readers and suitable for boys and girls. I found that even though I am really not into rock or thrash metal music I really enjoyed the story line and the book in general.*

### **Ben Thorpe, age 12**

**'Rock War' is a brilliant book about teenagers making Rock music and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone over 12. It was a gripping read and will be a brilliant series!**

*This book was the first in a new series that I was looking forward to reading, and it didn't let me down. From the first word I was hooked, and couldn't stop reading it. This is about 3 young musicians from 3 very different backgrounds all following their dreams of becoming a musician. Summer lives with her nan, who has severe asthma and needs nearly 24/7 care, and has never really seen her true potential. Jay is the middle sibling of a family of 10, and has nowhere to go when he gets kicked out of his band. Dylan goes to an all boys boarding school, and is forced to do rugby when he gets kicked out of the orchestra. Eventually, Summer returns a favour by trying out for ""Industrial Scale Slaughter"", Jay and his siblings form the band ""Jet"", and Dylan joins ""The Pandas of Doom"". All the bands do well and 2 of them meet at a competition called ""Rock the Lock"".*

*My favourite bit of the book has to be at the end when Jet win the competition and Industrial Scale Slaughter come second. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone over the age of 12, and would give it 4 and 1/2 stars out of 5.*

*I can't wait for the next ones!!"*

**Cesca Anderson**

***'Rock War' is a funny, witty and dramatic, easy teenage read. It had me laughing out loud on many occasions and the simple but gripping storyline made it difficult to put down. Additionally, Robert Muchamores use of cliffhangers created a suspense that ensured that the book remained interesting throughout. I can't wait to read the next one!***