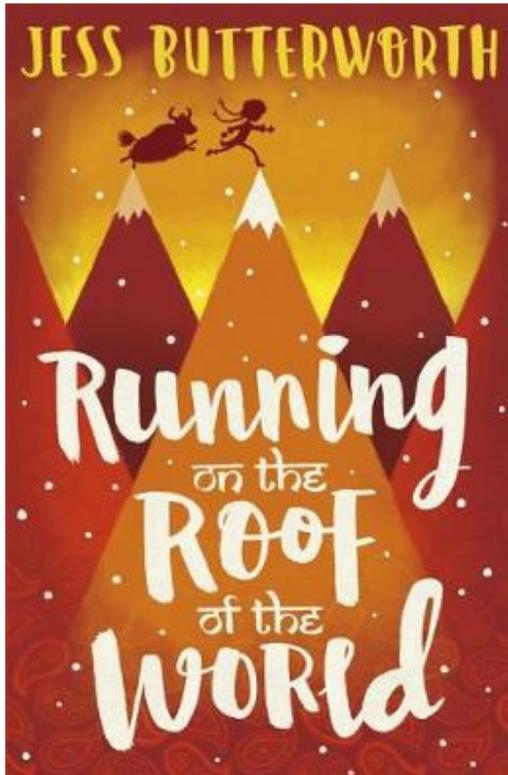


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of
Running on the Roof of the World
by Jess Butterworth

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



Issie Ford, age 9

I couldn't put this book down! Every chapter had a cliff-hanger which made me want to read more. This book explained everything I didn't know about Tibet and the Chinese invasion.

This book is great for fans of Michael Morpurgo because of the historical facts woven into a children's story.

I loved this book because it's fun to learn about different cultures and religions while enjoying a story - and learning how to crack secret codes!

This awesome tale take you back to the 1950s when China invaded Tibet. Our

heroes face blizzards and death-defying drops as they flee across the Himalayas with two friendly yaks, on the run from Chinese soldiers.

My favourite character was Sam because he looked after Tash - even when things got tough. Yaks are more like humans than you would think, especially Eve and Bones, who protect Sam and Tash to the death.

Punam Shah, age 10

Set in the heart of the Himalayas, Tash lives with her parents in Tibet. Chinese soldiers have taken over and locked Tash's parents in prison. In a desperate attempt to save her parents, Tash and Sam (her best friend) find themselves running on the roof of the world to try and cross the border into India. They're seeking the Dalai Lama, hoping he can help them. Snipers, punishing Mother

Nature and spies are some of the hurdles they face along this challenging journey.

An exciting read, this page-turner of a book kept me on the edge of my seat. Every chapter ends with a cliff-hanger. It was like I was there with Tash and Sam feeling their anger and determination. My favourite part was when they were at the highest point on the mountain. Together, we were all on top of the world.

This novel has opened my eyes to what is going on in the world. Not every child has their own freedom. Every day people make incredible journeys so they can live better lives.

If you like adventure, thrills and twists, then this is the book for you!

Zoe Basson, age 10

I loved the risk, the love and the sadness.

I joined Sam and Jash as they journeyed across the Tibetan border, over the Himalayas into caves and all the while showing you how, if you just keep hoping, it all pays off in the end.

I learned about yaks and how important they are for Tibet. They are even more important than our dogs.

All in all this book was heart-warming.

Emily Lonsdale, age 11

'Running on the Roof of the World' is great! A true adventure of beautiful meaning with powerful characters and a fantastic setting. An absolute gem of a book!!!!

I loved this meaningful book of passion and adventure. Tash is a resilient brave girl who strives to be free in home-country of Tibet. Together with her best friend Sam they harbour a secret hope of freedom from the controlling Chinese. One day Tash's parents are taken by the army. Thrown into a desperate, sudden race across the mountains can Tash reach India, find the exiled Dalai lama and save her people?

My favourite character was Tash because she was awesome!

Nick Kaleniuk, age 11

No matter how small or big you are, you can always make a difference. Tasha-La's aspires to meet the Dalai Lama and her dream comes true, so always follow your dreams.

I really liked this book because it showed how no matter how small or big you are, you can always make a difference. Another reason I liked this book was because it was all about how Tashi-La aspired to meet the Dalai Lama and it came true, so it's like saying, always follow your dreams.

Emily Dickson, age 12

I love 'Running on the Roof of the World'. It has completely changed my view of Tibet. I couldn't put it down, it's so gripping. Perfect for 11 to 15s.

'Running on the Roof of the World' is a deeply moving book. It casts light on some of the aspects of Tibet that I never knew about. It is written in the first person, from Tash's point of view, which is something I like, as it helps you relate more to the characters. The chapters are noticeably short, but it's surprisingly effective. It's something I haven't come across before. I feel it is not for younger readers, as some parts may be upsetting, like the man on fire and one of the characters getting shot. But I also realise that these need to be included to paint a realistic picture of what really happens in Tibet. Yaks play a large part in this story, their dung is used for fuel, their hair is used for warmth and their milk is used for cheese. I liked the way they were mentioned often, it linked different sections together. The Dalai Lama is a particularly interesting character. Whenever people mentioned him, they said his name like he was a god, like he was superhuman, but in reality, they find he is not as helpful as they hoped him to be. 'Running on the Roof of the World' is a fantastic book for young teenagers, both male and female, and gave me great pleasure by reading it. I hope you have the same enjoyment as I did.

Romilly Dally-Fitzsimons, age 10

An amazing adventure than makes you feel happy, sad, frightened and full of hope. Please read it. Awesome!!! This was a brilliant story, I loved it. It is about a girl called Tash and her friend Sam. They live in Tibet and are controlled by the Chinese Government and soldiers. Everyone in their village lives in fear of the soldiers. Tash's dad works for the resistance and one

day the soldiers come and take her parents away. Terrified, but brave Tash decides to go to see the Dalai Lama in India and ask for his help, Sam, her best friend comes with her. This is the most amazing adventure. I loved it and couldn't wait to find out what was going to happen. This book makes you feel happy, sad, frightened and full of hope. Please read it.

Emily Golding, age 10

Unbelievable! Fabulous! Jess Butterworth is a fantastic writer! This is truly a brilliant book!

Beautiful. Wonderful. Heart-stopping. 3 words I would use to describe this book.

*Gorgeous chapter pages filled with beautiful patterns. The story is filled with heart-stopping events and wonderful characters. Jess's story will warm your heart. Tashi-la (Tash) and her best friend Samdup (Sam) will venture out deep into the Himalayas to find the Dalai Lama. **This book will appeal to both genders as it's an adventure story with a twist. Enjoy!***

Ellen Cox, age 10

I could not put this book down (literally!!). This book gets a 5 star rating from me and I liked the fact that every character was individually described. This is the best book ever.

I really enjoyed this book. I liked the way that Jess set the scene and had plenty of descriptions throughout the book. I could really feel Tash and Sam's connection throughout the book that made you even more worried when things went wrong. The political side brought the real world into the book and helped me understand more about politics.

Maia Fuller, age 12

I really enjoyed reading this book and I couldn't put it down! The description is amazing and the character's personalities are so well thought out.

This book also has a great real life side and I found it fascinating to hear about what happened in Tibet. My favourite character is Tash because although she misses her family, she carries on and ploughs through all the sadness and the difficulty. I am the same age as Tash but I am nowhere near as brave as her but

I think all twelve-year olds should be! I think she is very brave and strong as yak! However, I also like Sam because he is always by Tash's side and always willing to help. Jess Butterworth has written a beautiful story and I would recommend it to people who enjoy real-life stories. If you enjoy books by Katherine Rundell, you'll enjoy Jess Butterworth too. I think this book would be good for people aged 10+. This is a story for children and adults alike and I hope Jess Butterworth writes more wonderful books like this one.

Emily Yates

'Running on the Roof of the World' presents us with an insight into the culture of foreign countries, acknowledging its importance, and reminding us how special hope and friendship are.

'Running on the Roof of the World' is a thought-provoking novel, presenting us with an insight into the culture and beliefs of foreign countries, acknowledging their importance, and reminding us how special hope and friendship are.

Twelve-year-old Tash lives in war-struck Tibet, with her family and best friend, Sam. But when Tash's parents are arrested, her whole life falls apart. She has only one choice. In an attempt to rescue them, Tash and Sam embark on a perilous journey across the mountains into India, where they hope to find the Dalai Lama. With the help of two yaks and a man named Dawa, Tash and Sam discover the true meaning of friendship and hope.

I would recommend this book to 9-14 year-olds, or anyone who has a especial interest in books about political crisis.