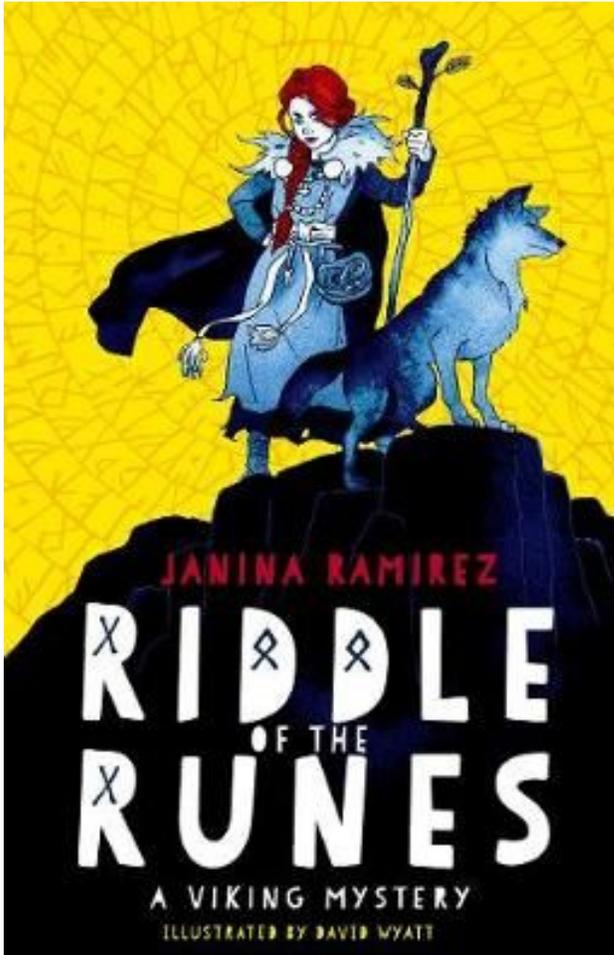


## Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Riddle of the Runes

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Ellen Hall, age 8

*In this story, Alva gets wound up finding her parent, getting hidden gold, sneaking out of the house, racing against time and trying to bring her family back together. It is a real page turner!*

*This book is all about family. A girl called Alva, strives to become a mystery solver like her uncle. In this story, she gets wound up finding her father, getting hidden gold, sneaking out of the house, racing against time and trying to bring her family back together. I enjoyed this book and read it from cover to cover almost in one go...it was a page turner!*

Lily O'Dwyer, age 9

*If you like a good adventure story and want to find out more about Vikings, then this is the book for you!*

*I really liked that the main character, Alva, was a girl because usually you would find that viking stories are all about boys. I learnt alot about the vikings and how they lived, but this is all so a fiction book. This story is a... niction (fiction and non-fiction).*

*It was very exciting following Alva as she carried out her investigations and tried to solve the riddle of the runes. My favourite characters were Alva and Fenrir, because I would love a wolf of my own. Sometimes I did think there was maybe too much Viking information and I just wished the story would carry on, but I'm glad I learnt so much in the end. I liked the illustrations, they helped to bring the book alive for me. I also liked that at the front there were pictures of the main characters and at the back there were the runes written down with their meanings. The viking glossary was also really helpful. I was glad that in the end, Alva and her Uncle Magnus and her mum all worked together and were able to solve the mystery and find what it was they were looking for. I hope there is another exciting adventure of Alva for me to read!*

**Alex Hall, age 12**

***Alva, a young viking overhears talk of a kidnapper taking foreigners that are never seen again. At first, the plot was not that easy to follow, but I persevered & enjoyed reading the book to the end.***

*At first, I did not understand the plot of this book and wasn't enjoying it. As I read on, the plot unfolded and I began to enjoy the viking mystery. In this book, Alva, overhears talk of an kidnapper taking foreigners that are never seen again. Alva, takes this mystery into her own hands and with the help of her family she figures the culprit and finds a lost buried treasure that was hidden by her father before he disappeared. This book was worth persevering with!*

**Ethan Watkin, age 10**

***It was an action adventure book about a Viking who goes on an hunt to find clues about her dad's past. I would rate it 9 out of 10.***

*This is an action adventure book which comprises of a treasure hunt over Viking infested mountains with a mystery along the way too. I would think this is best suited for children aged 8-11 years old because it's although it's a mystery story there's not too much violence in it making it fun but not scary to read. My favourite character is Uncle Magnus because of his attention to detail and his all round awesomeness. It kept me hooked all the way through. It had a handy Viking rune glossary and alphabet at the back of the book so it taught me quite a lot too! I think there might be another one coming in the series as there's definitely more to find out!*

**Evie Macaulay, age 12**

*Alva rushes through the trees in the dead of night with her sniffer wolf, Fen. Being out alone when there's a kidnapper on the loose is reckless, but if she ever wants to be an investigator like her Uncle Magnus, she'll need to be first to the crime scene. But what Alva discovers raises more questions than it answers, drawing her into a dangerous search for truth, and for treasure...*

***I feel braver and bolder having read this book. I thought I might be scared reading this story. I've never read a murder mystery before, but now I love this genre.***

*I loved this story. I loved the main character Alva's sense of adventure and her risk taking. Not only have I read a wonderful story but I also feel that I've learnt about an era I didn't know anything about. I loved glossary at the back of the book and the illustrations were beautiful and just as I imagined the characters to look. I can't wait to read what's next in store for Alva and her family.*

**Ross O’Gorman, age 11**

***An exciting story, packed with adventure and revenge that is centered around a brave Viking girl called Alva, who loves to solve mysteries with her pet wolf Fen.***

*Alva lives with her family in a Viking village. Her father has still not returned from when he last went a-Viking, but she has her uncle to protect her. She wants to be an investigator like him and wants to help him solve a dangerous mystery that involves kidnapping, a monk and a search for treasure. First, they have to solve a set of runes, in a challenging task set for them by Alva’s father. To succeed, they will also need Alva’s mother to help. The illustrations are brilliant and really pull you into the story. I really enjoyed this book and am looking forward to following Alva’s adventures in the next book in the series.*