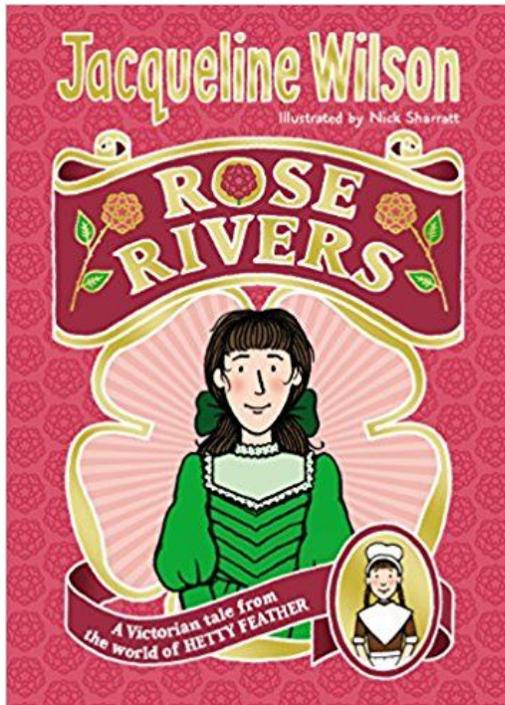


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Rose Rivers

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



**Charlotte Dunn, 10**

***This reminded me of one of my favourite Jacqueline Wilson books, Opal Plumstead. It's the story of a young girl and her family as she grows up set in the Victorian Era. It's exciting and gripping!***

*Rose Rivers is an exciting and well thought out book about the life of a young girl (Rose) and her family. As I read this book I could tell it was written by Jacqueline Wilson by the style and realistic feel of the book. The story is set in the Victorian Era but brilliantly you can relate to the characters and feel real empathy for them.*

*Rose is a 13 year old twin, who has a love for reading, education and comical drawing but no one seems to quite understand her. She is in a family of 9 and finds that just because she is 2nd oldest doesn't mean she gets more attention than her siblings. Her twin Rupert is off to Boarding*

*School and Rose is left behind wishing she could go as well. She starts the story feeling quite lost Rupert is favoured as the perfect child in the family by their parents and maids, so Rose also feels unappreciated. Rose's dad is an artist and has plenty of friends so when Rose meets Paris Walker a Protégé of her father who is doing their mother's portrait, Rose feels the love for her comical drawings can be shared with him. Unlike her father, Rose finds friends hard to find, so when a new nursery maid, Clover Moon arrives Rose seizes the opportunity to make friends with her.*

*I love this book and I find it so well thought out. I enjoy the realism and the way the characters think. If you are Jacqueline Wilson fan and have heard of Hetty Feather she plays a small character in the book and is mentioned several times. It also reminded me of Opal Plumstead, another of Jacqueline Wilson's great stories about a young girl growing up - if you liked that you will also love this one.*

*I would recommend it to 10+ and I would rate this book 5/5.*

### **Rosie Watch**

**A wonderful addition to the Hetty Feather series. A super story of a Victorian childhood with all the issues faced by modern childhood. Brilliantly and sensitively written.**

*A wonderful story. My classes have loved the series of Hetty Feather and Sapphire Battersea and are very excited by a new story.*

*It was a wonderful contrast to the workhouse and the foundling hospital of the other books in the series and an interesting insight into another area of Victorian life.*

*As my year 5s have been studying Victorian History they lap up anything connected to the period.*

*Rose Rivers is a super character. I loved that she was portrayed as feisty and a feminist in contrast to the sugary girlie Victorian characters that are so often portrayed in children's stories. The life of Victorian children was so accurately portrayed, yet also managed to deal with so many modern issues such as drug abuse, first love, sibling rivalry, friendships and bullying in such a child friendly and effective way.*

*I thought it was a particularly clever twist to introduce Hetty Feather into the story, linking the other books. Reading the last few pages, I feel a sequel is in the making, which will please my classes!*

*Jacqueline Wilson is a lively and descriptive writer and her accurate portrayal of children demonstrates such an insightful and sensitive writer and a reason why she is so popular and successful.*

### **Evie Aconley, 11**

**You will definitely enjoy this book from the world of Hetty Feather and I would recommend this to ages 10 and above.**

*This is a very interesting and exciting book, I love the way that Jacqueline also used facts about what it was really like in the Victorian ages. I enjoyed the insight of how people felt and the story is a great story that lots of people will enjoy. Rose was part of a rich family and wished she could go to school like her brother. Rose finds a true friend when a young girl called clover moon arrives to be a nursemaid for her troubled sister Beth.*

### **Issie Ford, 10**

**This is another wonderful historical story from Jacqueline Wilson which gives modern readers insights into the Victorian era and shows how unfair society was to girls and women. I loved it!**

*Rose Rivers is a rich, Victorian girl who loves her twin brother Rupert. But this is the Victorian era, where rich girls are not allowed to go to school, so Rose is left at home while Rupert swans off to a boarding school. Rose misses Rupert terribly and feels*

*lonely and frustrated, but feeling lonely is hard when you have four other younger siblings! Rose is daughter of famous artist Mr Rivers. Mr Rivers is constantly trying to get Rose to draw, hoping that she'll show some artistic talent. Rose prefers to draw comical portraits, and her father fears that she will never learn to draw properly.*

*I would recommend this book for readers of 10 and over, as there are some scandalous themes from that period.*

### **Bella**

***Another Brilliant book by Jacqueline Wilson that follows on from the Hetty Feather books.***

*Rose Rivers is the new book in the hetty feather collection, only now Clover is sent to work in the Rivers household.*

*I have read all the books in this series and Rose Rivers is just as good as the others (I hope write this book into the TV series as well).*

*If your a Jacqueline Wilson fan like me it is definitely the book to buy.*

### **Anya Fuller, 10**

***A gripping and emotional book that has you hooked on to every word. After the first chapter it was as though I was best friends with Rose.***

*'Rose Rivers' is about a girl called Rose Rivers who comes from a rich family and lives in Victorian London. She likes drawing from her imagination, but her father wants her to draw seriously, and her mother wants her to make proper friends and be more ladylike. Rose can never seem to make friends with the servants because she's the daughter of the house. One night a girl called Clover Moon comes home with Rose's father to be the new nursery maid; Rose seems to get along with her. Soon after, they bump into her father's old artist friend – Paris Walker. Rose's life starts going haywire.*

*I really enjoyed reading 'Rose Rivers'. At first it looked daunting - as it was so thick. However it was so gripping and it had such a good storyline that I finished it in a mere five days! The characters were easy to relate to; I found myself telling them to stop or to be careful at times!*

*Jacqueline Wilson is a great author, and I personally think that this is one of her best books! It was full of emotion and the writing seemed to flow from word to word. The story all fitted together beautifully and there were no parts where you were questioning what was going on, where they were or who that was. I would recommend this for age 10+. Definitely for fans of 'Hetty Feather' and 'Clover Moon' because some familiar characters pop up...*

**Ellen Hall, 8**

***When Rose's brother Rupert goes to school, Rose really wants to go too. However this book is set in Victorian times and girls don't go to school!***

*She travels to visit her grandparents but it doesn't all go her way. She does something naughty, and as a consequence she is sent to boarding school. I enjoyed this book very much and recommend it to people who enjoy the Victorian era. The section at the back on Victorian facts and ideas is very interesting.*

***This book is a page turner. It also has some good Victorian facts in it.***

**Aoibhe Churcher, 12**

***Rose Rivers is a masterpiece, written by the incredible Jacqueline Wilson! I enjoyed it enormously and would recommend it to everyone!!!***

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**Bea Whithear, 10**

***Rose Rivers has six brothers and sisters and lives in a big house in London. Her family are rich, she has servants, books, nice clothes but what she really wants is to go to school and have friends.***

*I really enjoyed reading about Rose Rivers and what life is like for a wealthy Victorian family. Rose is 13 and has a twin brother Rupert. Rose is jealous of Rupert as he is being sent off to boarding school, which is what Rose really wants to do, to study. She isn't like other wealthy 13 year olds from Victorian times. She is always a bit scruffy and doesn't understand why girls can't do the same things as boys.*

*The book gets better and better as you read on and there is so many things going on, and facts to learn about the Victorians. I have loved reading this book and I didn't want it to end, it was like reading a diary.*

*I loved Rose Rivers, Beth her younger sister who has Mental problems and Clover Moon who her Papa returns home with one day. They were all such different characters, living very different lives.*

*A great story which ends in sadness but maybe it's just what Rose wants. I would give it a 10/10.*