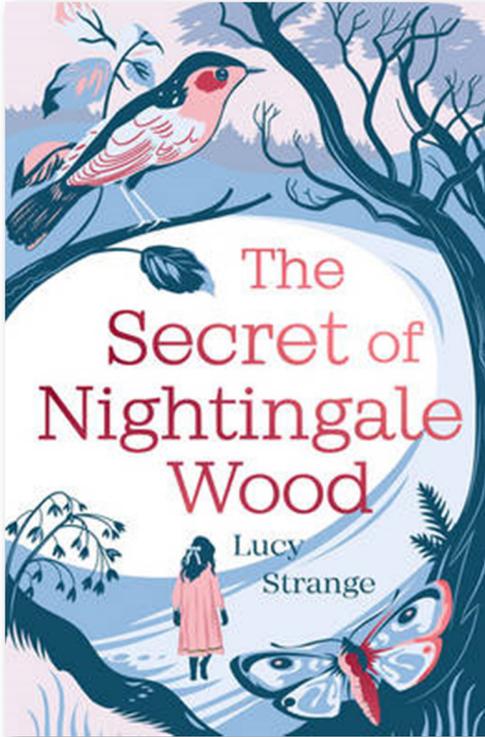


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Secret of Nightingale Wood** by Lucy Strange

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



**Rose Spear, age 11**

*'The Secret of Nightingale Wood' is a great book. It draws you in with every turn of the page. I would recommend this book to all children.*

*The Secret of Nightingale Wood' is a magical book full of excitement at each turn of the page. Henrietta has moved to hope house after the terrible death of her brother Robert.*

*Henry soon found a woman living in the woods next to the house and they were soon best friends. But what will happen when disaster strikes? And what will she do?*

***I love this book because it is full of adventure and excitement. This story has a great ending and is an amazing book. I would recommend this***

*book to all children as it is a great story.*

**Matilda Greenacre, age 10**

***An amazing book that tells a strong story.***

*This is an amazing book about a girl whose mother is ill but no one will tell her what the matter with her is. With her brother dying last year she keeps seeing images of him that urges her to carry on and to be brave. I would definitely recommend this book and if you like books set in olden days you would like it as it is set just after the First World War.*

**Alex, age 10**

*This book is about a girl Henrietta whose mum falls ill while her dad goes on a job abroad. When Henrietta realises one of the doctors works for Helldon (a place where mad and mental people go to have treatment, and where they get locked in their cell in straight jackets.), she realises she must help to stop the doctor taking her mother there. The title of the book comes from the wood at the bottom of her garden where she befriends a nightingale. **The book is set just after WW1, so the story is full of interesting historical details.** The book was brilliant as it had excellent descriptions and at the start of each chapter there was a nice illustration from nature.*

**Maya Watson, age 10**

***I loved this book as it made me want to find out what would happen next and I think I identified with Henry as I am a young girl who loves books too. I loved the themes of friendship and fairy tales.***

*Henry has just arrived at Hope House and she already feels lost. Her mother is sick, her father is away working and Nanny Jane is helping Doctor Hardy. All she has for company are fairy tales and books. But Henry shows them she isn't just a bookish little girl, she is BRAVE! She goes into the woods one day, smells smoke (some haunts her dreams) but goes in anyway. She sees a woman who looks like a witch but she's not, she's an ordinary person called Moth. Then Henry stumbles across an old, forgotten attic... I loved this book because it was exciting and the friendship between Henry was amazing because they were so supportive of each other. My favourite character was Piglet because she did the right thing at the right time.*

**Mariyya Khan, age 9**

*The book is really very good. **I enjoyed reading this book. It's awesome. A really adventurous storyline.***

*Personally I think the book is really good. It was a bit sad at the beginning but the end was very happy. I really enjoyed the book and the title was perfect! Once I got to the end of the book I felt it was an awesome story. A very adventurous story line. I would have liked to have seen a couple of illustrations. Thanks for sending the book.*

**Jessica Cobbin, age 9**

*I liked this story a lot. It's written in the first person, which I like, and is about Henrietta, but everyone calls her Henry. She loves to read and go for walks*

*with Piglet (who isn't a real piglet, but you'll have to read the book to find out who she is). Henry meets a witch who you think is going to be horrible, but you are in for a surprise. I think this book has something for everyone and it's for girls and boys. **It's an exciting story and you will want to read it quickly to find out what happens to Henry.***

**Judith, age 11**

***This book is absolutely stunning but beware it's not for the faint of heart.***

*I love how the author made the words flow around me. I felt as if I was really there with Hen, Piglet, Nanny Jane, Moth, Mama and Father. I have never felt so strongly about characters from a book before. The author has a way with words which I thought was impossible, she transports you into another world.*

**Mia Goodman, age 10**

*A great read!! It has a slow start however after some time you won't be able to take your eyes off it! Don't let the slow start put you off or you won't get to read an amazing book!!*

*At first I wanted to stop reading this book; I couldn't get into it. I thought that it was the worst book in the world, however everyone encouraged me to carry on reading and I did. And, I am very pleased I did as I didn't ever want to stop reading it!!*

*Some parts are extremely emotional. All bad things are happening to Henry and her family, some are quite sad. It is very cleverly written as the book begins with a problem that carries on throughout though there are also many smaller problems that suddenly happen - and you don't know when they will happen, they will really surprise you!*

***I would recommend this book to anyone aged 9+ who enjoys reading books on adventures, mysteries, secrets and mysterious characters.***

*Overall it's a FAB book so don't give up on it! Enjoy reading!!!!!!!!!!*

**Bella Perez, age 11**

*'The secret of nightingale wood' is a sad story about a family of four. When the young daughter, Henrietta, meets moth and mother is taken to Helldon, everything turns upside down. This story is best for over ten's since there are some scenes younger kids might be upset by. It is a rather long story but it's all*

worth it. Overall I think this book isn't for young ones but **I couldn't put it down for one second.**

**Alexander Bisland age 11**

This book is about a girl called Henry (short from Henrietta) who has just moved to a new house called Hope House. She has moved with her family because her brother died and they wanted to start a new life.

Mysterious things start to happen at Hope House – mama gets sick; dad is abroad; Nanny Jane is looking after Henry's younger sister Piglet; the doctor insists on mum's door being locked; a strange, limping man keeps appearing and Henry

keeps seeing  
smoke coming  
from the woods.



When Henry goes into the woods for the first time, she meets a strange, witch who one day looks after her when she gets a cold. This sparks an unusual friendship between the two.

What happened to Henry's brother Robert?

What is wrong with Mama?

Why does the doctor lock mama away?

You'll have to read the book to get the answers!

**I recommend this book to age 10+ readers who like suspense and mystery and a bit of magic. I give it 10/10.**