Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of
Song of the Current
by Sarah Tolcser

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Lucy Minton, age 13
An original, thrilling, gripping story.
‘Song of the Current’, by Sarah Tolcser, was an original, thrilling, gripping story with a stimulating plotline and characters that I immediately wanted to meet in real life. By the end of the book they felt like good friends, thanks to Tolcser’s brilliant storytelling. I have honestly never read anything quite like this book and probably never will again, thanks to the unique narrative.

Caro is a wherryman – or will be soon, as soon as the river god whispers her name. But when Caro hears nothing after numerous attempts, she is desperate for a chance to prove herself – so when an opportunity for her to make a journey without her father, as the captain of the wherry, she jumps at the chance. It almost seems too good to be true – and, as Caro discovers, it probably is...

An adventure novel with hints of romance and mystery, ‘Song of the Current’ is an excellent read and will (hopefully) occupy you for a long time! I would recommend this to people looking to engage themselves in a fast paced escapade. Prepare to lose yourself in Caro’s world!

Lisa Redmond
‘Song of the Current’ is the debut novel by Sarah Tolcser and it’s a thrill a minute tale of river girl Caro and the cargo she must carry to Valonikas. The cargo however turns out to be a snotty, aristocratic although admittedly rather
handsome boy. Chased by the Black Dogs Caro soon discovers that the boy is more than just a hindrance aboard her ship, he’s much more important than he’s letting on and by taking him upriver and being chased by Black Dogs she is endangering all their lives. I really, really enjoyed this immersive and romantic fantasy tale. There is a diverse cast, lots of strong women and a great deal of witty rejoinders. Not to mention adventure on the high seas, battles, bullet wounds and dastardly magicians to contend with. A thrilling and fantastic debut. Aimed at the 14+ age range it will appeal to fans of Sarah J Maas, Laini Taylor, V. E. Schwab and Marissa Meyer.

Hannah Gumbley, age 14

‘Song of the Current’ is full of action packed scenes with epic twists that you never saw coming. This story will keep you at the edge of your seat throughout the whole story and will have you captivated from the very first pages. The beginning of the story was at a moderate pace, but it was in an absorbing, engaging and exciting way. I had all sorts of fun being whisked along into the fantasy world of the river. This book has everything a reader could want in a sailing adventure – pirate battles, adventure and quests, mystery, sea monster, witty banter and a romance (with a charming and arrogant, irritating and humorous love interest). The author was able to keep me speculating and involved with the characters. The use of fantastical language and magical terms made the book more exciting and captivating. Overall, I really enjoyed this story. I was left expecting more but i was satisfied with the ending - an ending that definitely has the potential for an even better sequel. I would recommend this book to people who favour books with a sense of adventure and fun and at the same time romance and fantasy.

Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 15

This book is about Caro, a girl who embarks on a mission to deliver cargo in order to secure her father’s release.

I enjoyed this book because the characters were so diverse. I loved how the gods were a prominent theme throughout the book. The plot line contains so many twists that I didn't see coming. Over all I would give this a 5/5. I hope to read more about Caro in the future.