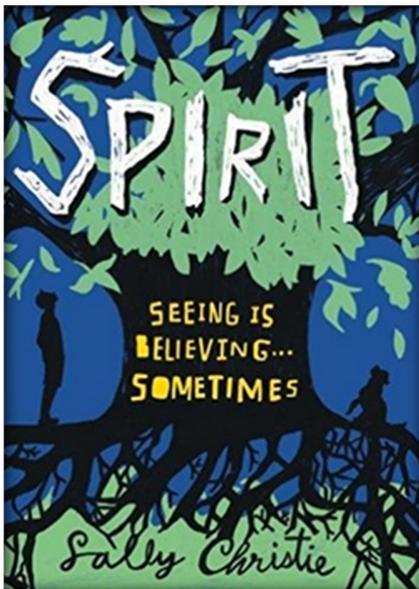


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Spirit** by Sally Christie

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



**Seren Daly, age 11**

***This is a fantastic book about the adventures of two young teenagers. I could recommend it to anyone.***

*'Spirit' is about a boy called Matt and a girl called Jazzy. Matt has seen a fairy! When he tells his class no-one believes him, except for Jazzy. When they go and investigate they find more than they expected, and they trigger something which will change their lives forever.*

*This book is a fantastic story of adventures and magic. I loved this book and hope others do too. I recommend it to 10+ as it is rightly suited to this age group. I really enjoyed this book.*

**Bella, age 10**

***A strange story with lots going on.***

*'Spirit' is a strange book, I like the characters Jazzy and Matt and I love Dasher the dog.*

*Some of the book didn't make sense and it was quite hard to read because the story doesn't move that's fast. But I like the idea of the fairies in the woods.*

**Linda**

*Matt and Jazzy make an unlikely friendship. She is confident, popular, outgoing and loves drama, he is quiet, shy and loves football. How different can you get? They are brought together during a year trip to France, when their teacher Mr.*

*McGann plays the 'truth game' with them. Matt tells the group that he has seen a fairy, only Jazz believes him. When they return home they begin an investigation into what he saw and deal with the consequences their new friendship creates.*

*The story deals with friendship, growing up and bullying with a dash of magical mystery. I particularly enjoyed the references to Shakespeare; his plays, quotes and Burnham wood, even though the great Bard spelt it differently! These are cleverly woven into this magical adventure.*

*Although, I loved the idea of this book, it did leave me wanting a little more of the magical mystery, perhaps this is because I'm an adult. I also got a little confused as to the intended target audience for the book. I would happily place it at 9+ but feel that only confident, mature younger readers would be able to relate/ connect to the characters as they are around 13 years old. However, the younger audience would have a more open mind about the magic contained within Burnham Wood.*

***Overall, the story has a lovely vibe about it, that would also be suitable for 11+ readers that want a quick read and for slightly older non-confident readers as it's a simple, but well written story.***

**Ross O'Gorman, age 11**

***An intriguing story of magic and friendship. Matt, a talented footballer, is new in town and a discovery he makes in the woods makes it even harder for him to try and fit in.***

*Matt is the new kid in school. When they play the truth game he bravely admits to seeing a fairy. His next door neighbour is intent on finding out more on their school trip to France and when they get home she is a frequent visitor. When Max's dog Dash goes missing, they go up to the wood to find him. They find Dash in the clearing where Max saw the fairy. He is lying under a tree and they both think he is dead. Then something magical happens and Dash wakes up. Afterwards, Max, Jazzy and her sister make frequent trips to the woods. However, the school bully Tash is watching them and is soon stirring up trouble. Everything changes one night when Tash brings her gang to the clearing. As Matt, Jazzy, her sister and Angela arrive, they all suddenly run away, thinking they have seen a ghost or a fairy. Only Tash is left. Jazzy bravely stands up to her and then calls on the fairies to come out. Then the spirit of the woods seems to rise up. Tash goes running through the thorns to try and escape. The others also manage to get out but everyone is changed to some extent by the experience. I think anyone who reads it will particularly like Jazzy for her bravery and she turned out to be a really good friend.*

**Toby Little, age 10**

*Matt walks his dog in Burnham Woods when a twig starts to float. When it falls, suddenly, an outline of ... something ... appears. What could it be? And why is it in the woods?*

***I liked the descriptive language in the book, but I sometimes found it a bit slow. The book is magical and fantastical, and I think it'll suit readers from about age 9, who like magical stories.***

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