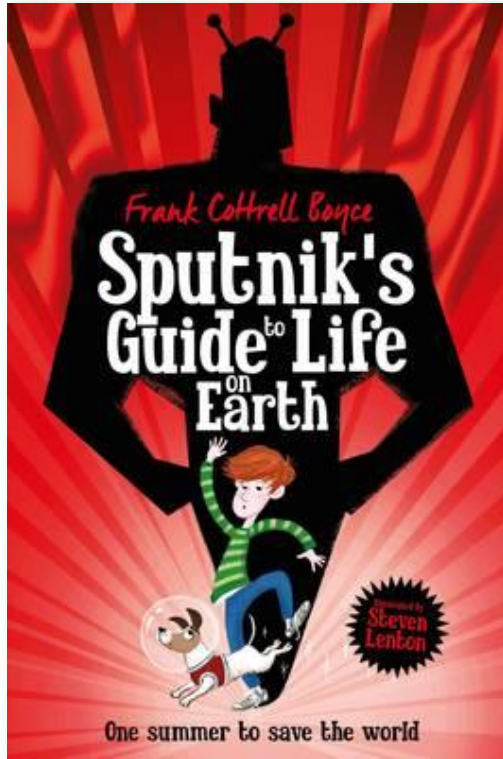


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Sputnik** by Frank Cottrell Boyce

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



Jack Smith, age 11

Exciting and full of adventure!

I liked this book because it was really exciting and was full of adventure! I couldn't put it down! The book is about a young boy who looks after his grandpa who has dementia. One day his dementia was so bad that he broke into somebody's house, thinking it was his own. The owner came in the kitchen and he whipped out his chopping knife. He used to be a sailor so he tried to teach her how to chop carrots quickly but she doesn't hear him, all she sees is the knife, screams and calls the police. The boy, Prez watches grandad being taken away and is sent into temporary care with only one memory. Grandad's sea chest.

How will he cope? I think many children can enjoy this book if they like adventure, comedy, and fantasy sorts of book. You could read this book at about the age of eight, but can be enjoyed by up to 13 year old's and probably even older! It is really funny and I would recommend it to anyone!

<https://smithyboysbookreviews.wordpress.com/sputniks-guide-to-life-on-earth/>

Oliver Thorpe, age 10

Credit to Frank Cottrell Boyce for this amazing book. It is fun, light and exciting. Once you get into it, there's no putting it down. Good for anyone who enjoys a funny book.

'Sputnik's Guide to life on Earth' by Frank Cottrell Boyce is a fantastic book. It is fun and full of fun and interesting ideas. It has an easy to follow plot, but also it never gets boring. It is evident that the author has let his imagination loose, and skilfully crafted his ideas into a storyline. It is about a boy who is in care after his Grandad is taken away, and sent to live with a family on a dairy farm for the summer. The boy, Prez, doesn't like to speak. One day a boy about his size in a kilt, old fashioned driving goggles and a helmet turns up on the doorstep. But everyone else thinks he is a dog. This is Sputnik, and he is an alien. Sputnik has a weird ability to do anything to anything, such as turn a toy lightsaber into a real one, or make a digger go at the speed of light, and then use Reverse-Dynamite to repair Hadrian's Wall. Sputnik and Prez have to find ten things worth doing or seeing on Earth in one summer, else the planet will get shrunk. Only trouble is, Sputnik isn't interested in Human architecture...

Isabella Campbell, age 12

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Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth is an incredible, heart-warming tale of a young boy named Prez finding his voice, helped by his unlikely companion, Sputnik, an extra-terrestrial. Together before the end of the summer, they must travel the world to create a list of ten things worth seeing or doing on Earth, or else the Planetary Clearance will destroy the planet. Unfortunately, Sputnik's list of the Ten Wonders of the Earth is very different to Prez's...

For example, he rates the harmonica and the Mooring Hitch Knot that stops you drifting out to sea as reasons that the Planet Earth should continue to exist.

From the utter chaos of a wild goose chase that ends in a prison break-out to the moment when Prez's grandad runs away to sea, this story had me enthralled. Sputnik's antics made me smile and even laugh out loud.

Undoubtedly, the side-splitting comedy from Sputnik and the beauty and sadness of Prez's relationship with his grandad, combined with Frank Cottrell Boyce's incredible imagination and expert story-telling makes this one of the most amazing stories I have read. This book will certainly appeal to fans of 'Millions', another book by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

Alex, age 11

I found this book a bit confusing because I couldn't follow the plot of the story and couldn't understand what was going on. I persevered to the end of the book, but it didn't become any clearer - sorry about that.