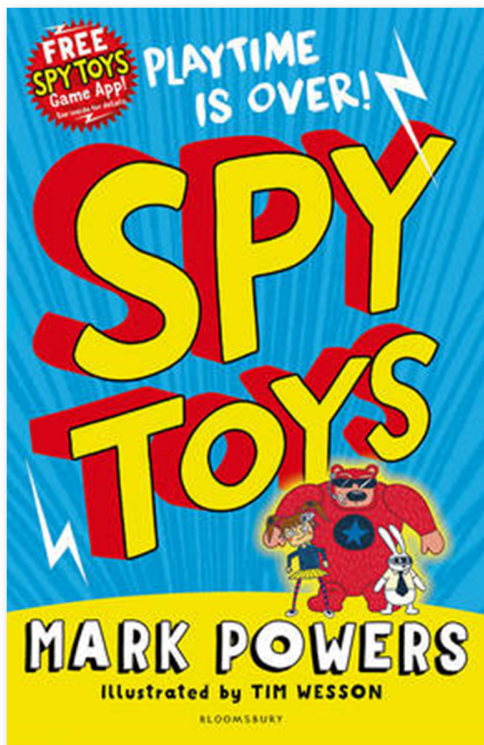


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of
Spy Toys
by Mark Powers
Illustrated by Tim Wesson

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



Phoenix Williams, age 8

This book is very adventurous. It was hard to put it down. I really hope that Mark Powers writes more books. I would give this book 4.5 stars. This book is very adventurous. It slowly builds up excitement and then it all kicks off. It was very hard to put the book down. I really hope that Mark Powers writes more books. I would definitely recommend this book for 9-10 year olds. I would give this 4.5 stars.

Stanley Howarth, age 9

This book is amazing from start to finish, I read it in 1 day as I couldn't

put it down.

These Toys mean serious business!

An evil elephant robot wants to kidnap the Prime Minister's son for money, so Aunty Roz assembled 2 faulty toys and a police rabbit robot to foil the evil plan. Are they going to stop him? You will have to read to find out.

I couldn't put this book down and read it in a single day. It was funny and really gripping.

I would recommend this book to anybody, I thought it was amazing.

Llew Harrison, age 9

Mark Powers is an excellent children's author! It's so good I read it twice!

Now first things first, Snaztacular Ultrafun the worlds biggest toy manufacturer is not your usual toy store, with all the toys having a computerised brain microchip, no one could say that.

It all started in the faulty toy trash shoot. Why they were in there you may ask? Well of course they were faulty! Dan, a Snugaliffic Cuddlestar Bear, was too strong to give a hug! Arabella, a Loadsasmiles Sunshine Doll, because of a really short temper, hates kids! When they journey up to our world they meet Flax a robot bunny, who is not a toy but a Custom-made Police Robot Rabbit. Then they meet Auntie Roz and from then on they aren't 'toys' but... 'SPY TOYS!' (but of course Flax is not a toy, but well, he goes with it)!

Packed with adventure, with an equal amount of comedy (just how I like it!) Mark Powers is an excellent children's author! It's so good I read it twice!

Age rating: 7-10

Star rating: 4.5/5

EPIC BOOK!!!

Connor Lobban, age 8

*Your first mission if you care to accept it is to save the Prime Minister's Son from being kidnapped. There are toys who are faulty and they live in a factory. No one is allowed to buy them, so they escape and Auntie Rose catches them. But it is not bad she has missions for them, the first is to make sure the Prime Minister's Son is not kidnapped. **The story was very gripping and the pictures were really detailed. There were a few cliff-hangers even at the end. I can't wait to read the next one.***

Suhaiba Khan, age 8

I enjoyed reading the Spy Toys book because it made me use my imagination and made me go into a fantasy world where I was thinking how the toys looked and acted different to my toys where I could design what went into it. I also liked looking at the pictures this made me imagine even better what the toys looked like and what they were up to. It helped me

understand the book better. My favourite character is Dan the snugliffic cuddlestar bear because he cared for Sam the Prime Minister's son and when Sam asked Dan if he would be his bear politely he said yes. The bear looks cuddly but he has got powers and this is what I liked best. The character I didn't like was Bella because she hates kids and she didn't save Sam from getting splashed with mayonnaise. I wouldn't have Bella as a toy she would be a challenge. I hope and look forward to reading other books about the Spy Toys where they are on a different adventures together trying to save the world from all over the world with Sam and being joined by more faulty toys from around the world. **I really enjoyed reading the book and couldn't put it down I would give it 9 out of 10.**

Marcus North, age 9

An exciting story with lots of twists and turns. Including Dan, a teddy bear way to strong to cuddle anything; Arabella, a doll no good with children; and Flax, a police robot gone AWOL. Recruited by the peculiar Auntie Roz, they set out on the ultimate challenge - to defend the prime minister's son from being captured by a sinister mascot... **I got so immersed in this book I never wanted this book to end!** I would recommend this book to people aged 7 (or 6) to 11 (maybe more).

Daniel Bisland, age 9

This book is about a toy called Dan. This story starts in the Snaztacular Ultrafun factory which is where toys with brains are made. On this particular day, the faulty alarm suddenly goes off and the big grabber picks Dan up and puts him in the Test Room. In the Test Room, there is a man in a white cloak who finds that Dan has a bad snuggle chip (brain) which means that Dan will become spare parts! The man tells Dan to stand on a yellow cross and Dan falls down a deep, deep trapdoor at incredible speed into a toy dump. In the toy dump, Dan sees a doll but not just any doll, a Loadsasmiles Sunshine Doll called Arabella. Together, they escape from the toy dump and find their freedom until they get caught with a Police Rabbit called Flax by The Department of Secret Affairs. The three of them are turned into the Spy Toys Team and their first mission is to save the Prime Minister's son from being killed by an elephant maniac. Who is the elephant maniac? Does the elephant maniac kill the Prime Minister's son? You'll have to read this fantastic book to find out! **I give this book 5* because it's funny and I'm a wannabe spy so I like anything**

spy related. I recommend it to 8+ wannabe spies. I can't wait for the second book to come out and I'm looking forward to exploring the app!

Freddie Barth von Wehrenalp, age 9

Funny adventure stories, with frequent surprises. Great for 7+ I read this in one sitting. It is a simple story to follow but it made me laugh a lot. My favourite character was Sam, the President's son because he is playful, friendly, clever and mischievous. The plot really takes off at Chapter 4 when Auntie Roz assigns the protagonists the task of protecting Sam. From then on the story unfolds at a cracking pace. I liked the illustrations. They are amusing but also helped fix the characters in my mind. I prefer longer stories so give this 3 1/2 stars out of 5, but a 7 year old would give it a much higher mark I think. My sister is going to read it now!

Stephanie Chaplin

The main characters are Dan, Arabella, Flax and Sam. The book is about 3 faulty toys who are either; made about 100 times too strong, made with a temper of a rattle snake, or an ex-police rabbit. Their job is to protect the president's son from any harm that may happen to him but when Dan messes up by accidentally using his super strength while playing a harmless game of football, will Dan stay with the team? Or will he have to go for safety reasons? When Sam gets kidnapped by an evil half man and half elephant, can the Spy Toys save him? My favourite character is Arabella because she is skilled and in my opinion, is like a ninja. My favourite part was when they worked together to defeat the triplets of a strongman and a strongwomen. I think it was a good part because it showed that they could do the job and work as a team. Also, without this part of the story, they wouldn't even be in the "Spy Toys" team. ***I think this book was an amazing read but aimed more for younger kids around 7+. I enjoyed reading this book even though it was for younger kids. I loved this book and I can't wait to read and review my next book.***

Toby Little, age 8

I enjoyed this book because it's full of action and good for all ages between 6 and 11. There's even a game app linked to the book. It's the

first in a series, so get ready to read some more!

Spy Toys is a vivid book by Mark Powers and illustrated by Tim Wesson. The story starts on a Tuesday morning in the “Snaztacular Ultrafun” toy factory. The Snaztacular Ultrafun toy factory isn’t any ordinary toy factory, because every single toy they make has a brain that is actually a tiny computer. Their teddy bears cuddle the children, and you would kick a football and it would come back to you. Every single toy has an individual name, too. One day, a teddy bear named Dan is faulty – he was made a thousand times too strong! And so is sent to the “faulty toys” room, where they destroy faulty toys! There, he meets Arabella, a doll with a mean temper. Together, they escape... I enjoyed this book because it’s full of action and good for all ages between 6 and 11, and especially people that love dynamic stories. The illustrations were engrossing, and there are lots of them. There’s even a game app linked to the book. It’s the first in a series, so get ready to read some more!

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Jasper Milburn, age 9

This story was a stick your head in the book and a must have. Luckily I'm entitled to this job. It was so intriguing.

This book is fantastic for children around the age of 8. I like the fact that there are normal humans and then random toys or characters. It is almost like mortals and immortals which I like because the other book I'm reading now is Percy Jackson. You cannot put the book down!

Oscar Smith, age 9

This is a good book for 7-8 year olds who like something out of the ordinary. Follow Dan (a snuggly cuddlestar bear) and his cohort as they save the Prime Minister's son from an evil elephant!