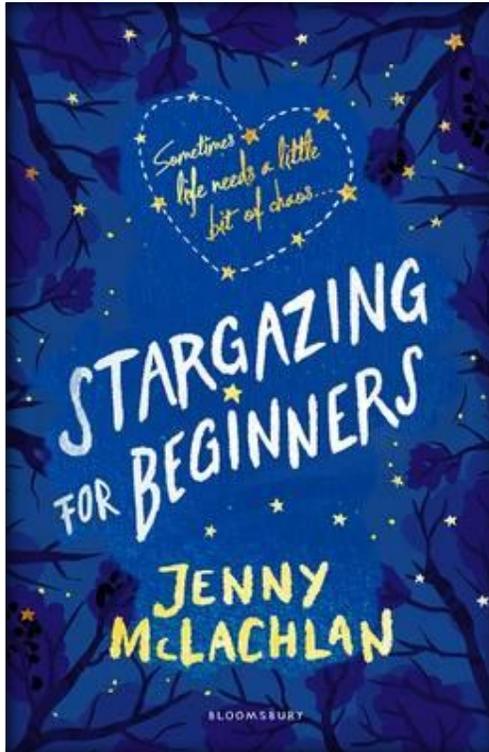


## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Stargazing for Beginners** by Jenny McLachlan

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



**Alexander Bisland, age 11**

*This book is about a girl called Meg. Even though the title of the books makes it sound like a non-fiction book, it is a wonderfully written, emotional story.*

*Meg has a big problem in this book! Her mum disappears on a ten day holiday to Myanmar and Meg is left with her Granddad, to look after her baby sister Elsa and her smelly dog Pongo. However, it's more like she has to look after Granddad, rather than him looking after her!*

*Her mum's disappearance couldn't have come at a worst time. Meg is desperate to win a competition to go to Houston, to kick-start her dream career – an astronaut. But Mum leaving isn't the only thing in her*

*way; she needs to conquer her fear of stage fright, beat her rival Ed and make some friends on the way! What happens next is a rollercoaster of emotions.*

*Does Meg make any friends?*

*Does Meg win the competition?*

*Does Meg forgive her mum for leaving her?*

*Read the book to find out!*

*I recommend this book to 11+ science fans. **I give it 5\*.***

***From the title, I wasn't sure how much I would enjoy it but in the end, I couldn't put it down and it has become one of my favourite books!***

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**Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 14**

*This book follows the life of Meg, a science mad teenager. She gets left to look after her little sister while her mum goes away. This book contains themes of romance but it isn't overly obvious. This book follows the life of Meg, a science mad teenager. She gets left to look after her little sister while her mum goes away. This book contains themes of romance but it isn't overly obvious and in your face. **I loved how each of the characters had their own individual personality and were unique. The story line wasn't too predictable and there were definitely points which were surprising. It was a very enjoyable read.***

**Georgie Docwra, age 11**

***I would give this book 5 stars as it was fantastic! I can't wait to see if there are any more in the series.***

*I really liked this book as, although it's something different to what I would normally read, I really enjoyed it.*

*'Stargazing for Beginners' is about a girl called Meg who really wants to visit NASA headquarters but there is just one problem! She is left to look after her baby sister for ten days whilst her mum goes away.*

*This book is side-splitting, especially the bits about Meg looking after her sister Elsa.*

*I also really liked her mad grandad who is crazy about space, just like Meg.*

**Sidney Greenslade, age 13**

*'Stargazing For Beginners' is an enchanting book about Meg, a girl who's reaching for the stars and who dreams that one day, she might be able to step out into space and see the world from afar. 'Stargazing For Beginner's is a beautiful and charming read about Meg Clark, a girl whose only wish is to become an astronaut and gaze out of a rocket into space. Meg's already reeling from her best (and only) friend Harriet moving to New Zealand, so when her mum calls to say that she's on a plane to Myanmar, going to help sick children for two weeks, Meg panics. She has a competition coming up which might earn her a once in a lifetime opportunity to get to Houston but how's she meant to win that when she has school to attend, a house to keep clean and a baby sister*

to look after? Suddenly, the chances of Meg getting to Houston seem as small and far away as the stars.

*'Stargazing For Beginners' kept me totally enthralled the whole way through. **Once I picked it up, I couldn't stop, and I read late into the night desperate to find out how it ended!** The characters were interesting and I enjoyed the surprising parts in the plot. **A wonderful book, which made me truly feel and believe I'm made out of stardust.***

### **Jenna, age 14**

*It's funny how your dreams can just flow down the drain and just disappear in a blink of an eyelid. Meg is a girl with the world against her, can she fight it? An amazing girl and an amazing read !!*

*When Megs mum takes an unexpected holiday she is dumped with her little sister Elsa: Meg may know a lot about space but babies are a myth to her. This all couldn't be at a worse time as meg is competing for a NASA competition against her rival Ed and she needs all the concentration in the universe! Can she master her degree in babies and win a life changing competition? She will have to wish upon a star....*

***This is a heart-warming book with the characters so real you feel like you're there in the book.*** An amazing read for 12+ and anyone who is interested in space and real life dramas.

***I would give this book 10/10 as every word was placed accurately pulling at your heart strings.***

### **Rose Spear, age 12**

*Meg Clark is mad for science and space but when her mum leaves Meg and her little sister to go to another one of her important causes what will happen.*

*Meg knows how the earth was created but she knows absolutely nothing about her baby sister and how to look after her.*

*To add to the pressure she's entering a competition, against her close friend Ed, to be able to go to NASA which is her life long dream. Will Meg be able to pull this off, find out in this amazing book.*

***I would recommend this book to girls over the age of ten. This is a very good book full of excitement and it is one of the best books I have ever read.***

### **Emily Kirby, age 12**

*'Stargazing for Beginners' is an amazing book. Definitely one of the best I have ever read. It is the wonderful story of a girl (Meg) showing people who she is and getting to know her family. In Stargazing for Beginners Meg's mum suddenly leaves, leaving her and her slightly mad Granddad to look after Elsa, her little sister. While her mum is in Myanmar she finally makes some more friends at school, since her best friend Harriet suddenly moved to New Zealand, leaving Meg who everyone thought was a super geek (there's nothing bad about being a super geek!) to fend for herself in High School! In the book Meg finally shows other people who she is and she learns to love her family and why they do crazy things.*

### **Ella O'Gorman**

*This is a heart-warming story about a super clever, shy teenager who dreams of becoming an astronaut. She enters a competition to win a trip to NASA, but it involves making a speech in public. Megara (Meg) may know everything about space, but her shyness poses her major challenge. She finds it very difficult to talk to people and feels that everyone is laughing at her. Her mother is a free spirit who suddenly took off to do charity work in a remote country leaving Megara to look after her little sister. Her eccentric grandfather is not much help and his house is not the cleanest. Meg starts making unlikely friends at school with other gifted kids and a boy called Ed. We can see the possibility of a romance starting between the two but it is slow to develop. Meg finally sees that she is not on her own and can rely on others to help her, particularly with preparing for the NASA competition she is desperate to win. **I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy an easy read, with an uncomplicated plot.***