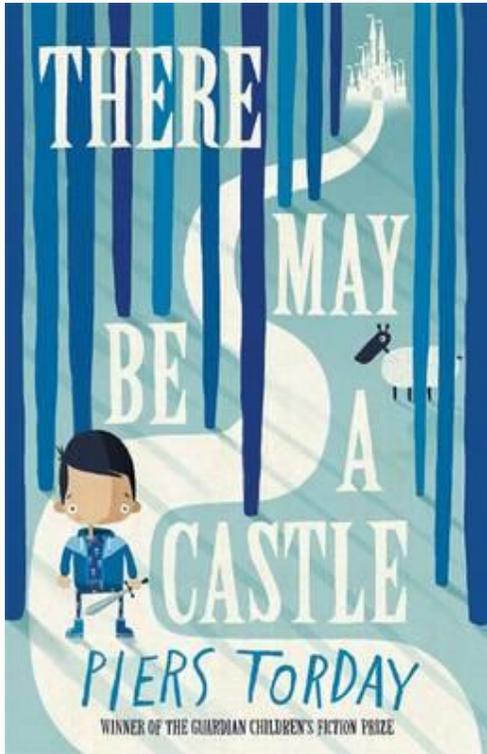


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **There May Be A Castle** by Piers Torday

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



Noah Scott-Sentence, age 9

It was a good story and I think I will remember it but I probably won't read it again because it made me feel too sad.

I enjoyed the book and thought it was clever and full of imagination.

The ending was too sad and some of it was a bit confusing. My favourite character was Nonky. There were some exciting bits and some funny bits, especially when the sheep farted and made Mouse wake up!

Emily Lonsdale, age 11

Very funny, adventurous and full of twists and turns but I think it needs a warning for sensitive children that the ending is very sad.

I liked this book because it was very adventurous, it has a good story line to it, lots of twists and an unexpected ending.. I would recommend it to boys and girls as its full of adventure.

Hannah Minton, age 10

This book was fantastic. I couldn't read it quick enough.

There may be a castle begins with an extraordinary hook to draw you in and keeps you captivated through out. It has a heart touching motto to it and nothing will prepare you for the twists the book takes at the end. My favourite characters, Violet and Mouse, show skills or determination as they face similar but distinct cahllenges. They are realistic characters. They deal with their

issues in real ways and feel emotions that I could relate to. I really enjoyed this book. It was written from different points of view and even changes mid chapter. This means that you can really build a relationship with characters. It also helps you to understand what the characters feel of their situations. I thought this book was fantastic.

Alice East, age 12

'There May Be a Castle' is another great book written by Piers Torday. This book is about the adventure and the journey Mouse goes on in a strange land.

This book is about Mouse Malory and the wonders he thinks up and does. The adventure begins when Mouse's family car skids off the road, Mouse flies out of the window and wakes up in a magical landscape full of surprises.

I really enjoyed this because it had magic, adventure and was full of description which for me is the perfect book. I think many other people will want to read this book and enjoy it a lot as well as me. This is one of Piers Torday's best books so far in my opinion he must of spent ages writing and editing this book.

Children of all ages would enjoy this it is a interesting idea made into a brilliant well written story. I also like the cover because unlike most other books it shows what the story is really about.

I would recommend this to children about ages 7-12 who like reading adventure stories. 10/10 For Piers Torday, this was one of the best books that I have read in a while.

Oscar Smith, age 9

This book is for ages 9-12. A must have for all people looking for a good read!

*There May Be A Castle is an adventure story from master storyteller Piers Torday. Albert Mallory (Mouse) is a small, timid boy, known for his small height(hence the name Mouse) who hates christmas. On christmas eve, he is thrown from the car on the way to his grandparents. When he wakes up he is in a magical world with a sheep,a robotic dinosaur,a minstrel called Derek and a talking horse called Nonky. **As two stories slowly weave into one it all leads up to a stunning conclusion.***

Alec del Pino, age 9

A wonderfully strange book where it makes the reader turn the pages effortlessly. It is full of laughs, tears and cliffhangers.

*One of the most inventive and inspirational books I have ever read. Vivid, urgent and action-packed very anarchic and from the first page on will pull the reader's attention. Critical and sacrificing but at the same time magical and adventurous. An all-time memorable book full of amazement and suspense. My favourite characters were Mouse and Nonky. The warmth of Violet's heart made me really connect with the book. A **truly marvellous** book!*

Suhaiba Khan, age 8

This is a book that made me imagine I was in a magical land and that I myself was on a quest to get to the castle with Mouse with lots of twist and turns. Once I started reading it I couldn't stop.

My favourite part was how the main character Mouse Mallory imagined he was in a magical land with wizards witches and dragons. Mouse is dressed as a knight from his favourite computer game. He is on a quest to find a castle. In the quest he is with his toys which have come to life to help him get away from the creature in the woods that is trying to kill him and to get to the castle. This story made me use my imagination I tried to imagine what magical land Mouse was in and how my toys would be if they came to life. He was imagining all this because mouse and his sisters Violet, Esme and their mum were in an accident on the way to the annual christmas festival at his granny and gramps house. Mouse was thrown out the car and this is when he starts imagining and hallucinating he was in a magical land. I liked how there were two different stories about Mouse and Violet. Where Mouse is imagining he is in a magical land on a quest with his toys. Then there is Violets story where she is helping her mum and sister get out the car after the crash. Where she is being strong and keeping calm. The stories then come together at the end.

The book also had parts which made me laugh.

Out of 10 I will give the book a out 8 of 10. I would recommend this book to my friends and family.

Daniel Bisland, age 9

This book is about a boy called Mouse, his toy horse, his sisters and his mum. At the beginning of the story, Mouse's family were packing to go to see their Grandad and Grandma. So, they started their long journey. Halfway through the journey, they went off road. Suddenly, the car started to skid and

spin and Mouse flew through the windscreen but landed safely – apart from a pain in his arms. This is where the story BEGINS.

All of a sudden, Mouse woke up because he felt water on his face, then he saw a tongue, then wool and finally a sheep! He stood up in the field to be greeted by his new friend who he decided to call Bar. At that moment, a horse came galloping from the forest and came to a halt in front of Mouse. Is this all a dream or is real? Is there a baddie in this book or is it just a boring old story? Is there really a castle? You'll have to read the book to find out!

*I recommend it to 7+ readers. **I give it 5*. I really liked the way that each chapter switched from Mouse to his family** who are in the broken, upside down car and how the author changes the font of the text to reflect this. I would have liked to have seen a few illustrations in this book as the illustrations on the front cover make you want to pick up the book and read it!*

Noah Hall, age 10

A brilliant mix of humour, adventure and sorrow, this book deals with some difficult themes in an interesting way. Piers Torday's 'There May Be A Castle' is about a young boy called Mouse, who likes nothing more than to have fun with his toys and play on his favourite computer game, 'Junior Jousting'. His older sister, Violet, finds him annoying, but loves him all the same. And finally, Esme. Esme, being only a toddler, likes nothing but chocolate. She eats chocolate, she can only say chocolate and even her breath smells of chocolate!

Mouse and his family are travelling to his grandparents' for Christmas when a snowstorm starts up. The car skids off the road and rolls down a steep hill. It finally comes to a halt against a wire fence but Mouse is thrown from the car, over a cliff...

When he wakes he finds himself lying against a sheep he names Bar. They meet a grand horse called Nonky (a mixture of Violet and his favourite toy horse). Mouse doesn't know where he is, or where he came from but he does remember one thing - he needs to find the castle...

***I love this book as it really hooks you, is interesting and fun. It is a brilliant mix of humour, adventure and sorrow. I love the contrasting emotions it gives to the reader.** 'There may Be A Castle' is perfect for 10 -16 year olds, and adults as well. It hooked me and didn't let go. I hope it does the same to you.*

Lauren Carver, age 10

This is a hilarious book, my favourite character is Nonky, probably the best book I have ever read. Piers should do a lot more books like it, he is my new favourite author.

Gonzalo Isidro, age 8

*Do you like stories which are magical? If you do, you will love this book. It is filled with adventure and excitement. I liked the book from the start and gave it 5 stars in my school book review. This book is about a young boy who is on a journey just before Christmas and he gets lost. The world he finds himself in is full of magical adventures. But he has to hide from a beast. **I loved this book and just wanted to keep turning the pages. I think a lot of my class would like this book too. If you like magic you won't be disappointed.***