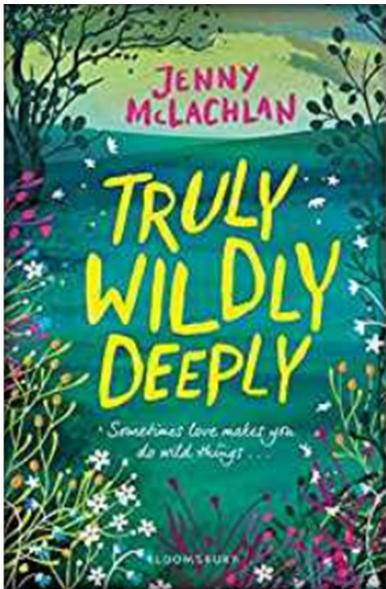


## LoveReading Reader reviews of **Truly Wildly Deeply** by Jenny McLachlan

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



**Sidney Greenslade, age 14**

***'Truly Wildly Deeply' is a witty, romantic and charming story about friendship, living with a disability and falling in love.***

*Truly Wildly Deeply is a witty and light-hearted novel about Annie, a teenager with cerebral palsy who is finally getting the fresh start and freedom that she longs for at Cliffe College.*

*Annie's cerebral palsy means that she isn't always able to do what she wants, so her new-found freedom and independence is very important to her. Annie soon has new friends and is enjoying her social life. However, there's one thing Annie doesn't want – romance. She hates the notion of being thought of as part of another person, to be labelled as someone else's. The very idea makes her feel trapped, and she doesn't understand why anybody would want to be so tied down.*

*Then she meets Fab. He's moved to England from Poland and is bright, loud and eccentric. He believes that love is the most important thing in the world, and has a very different view of romance from Annie. Annie and Fab frequently argue and she feels safe in the knowledge that Fab couldn't possibly like her. But soon, Fab starts to become very attached to Annie and she begins to fear the worst. Could Fab like her? If they started dating, Annie feels she would lose her all-important freedom and, after all, romance is the last thing she's looking for. But, deep down, is love what Annie truly wants?*

*'Truly Wildly Deeply' was funny, touching and I thought it was fantastic! The characters were amazingly vivid, and I could picture everything in my mind's eye without even trying. I think that Hilary and Oliver were my favourite characters – Hilary was so sweet and bubbly and Oliver was equally funny and*

*charming, in his geeky nature and love of comics! The plot was beautifully thought out - I loved every second of it! 10/10!*

**Georgie Docwra, age 12**

***I'd say this is one of the best books I have ever read and it was so hard to put down that I finished it in a day because I couldn't stop reading it. I rate it ten out of ten.***

*The book is about Annie, who has cerebral palsy and is just starting college. Then she meets a boy called Fab who is polish and just moved to England. The story is about Annie learning to be more confident in herself and how she becomes friends with fab.*

*I really liked her first book 'Stargazing for Beginners' so was excited to read it. I loved the plot of the book as it kind of continues on but is more based on Annie when she is older. The book contains some of the old characters as well. My favourite character was definitely Annie because she seemed really out going but had a soft side as well. I also liked fab and thought he was a really interesting character and liked the fact he was unique and didn't care what other people thought of him. You can really sympathise with Annie and fab when the story continues and goes on.*

**Emily Price, age 15**

***This is a love story which any teenager would thoroughly enjoy! As Fab wants love and Annie doesn't, it engaged me as a reader as I am wanted to find out what happens. I'd recommend this book to anyone my age!***

**Chloe Shortall, age 21**

***It is heart-warming and funny, with strong characters that are very accurate portrayals of real teenagers. This was an enjoyable read, and I would recommend it to younger readers.***

*Starting college brings Annie more freedom than she has ever experienced in her life, and she is determined to make the most of it. Having cerebral palsy means that Annie has spent her whole life with others helping her and taking care of her, but she is ready to be independent. When she starts college Annie meets Fab, a polish classmate who is energetic and honest, who quickly falls in love with Annie. Annie is determined not to get locked into a relationship, which might mean losing her newly found independence. But is falling in love really the worst think that could happen?*

*This novel was very moving, a light-hearted story about two teens falling in*

love.

**Rose Spear, age 13**

***This book made me want to never put it down and made me want to find out more about the characters.***

*Annie has just started collage and she is so excited as she has the one thing she has always wanted, freedom. As a girl with cerebral palsy this is more important to her than anything. The one thing she isn't looking for is love. Fab is also starting collage and he thinks the best adventure is love. What will happen? What will happen when the two meet?*

*This book made me want to never put it down and made me want to find out more about the characters. My favourite character in this book was Annie as she believes in herself and everything that she does.*

*I would recommend this to people over the age of 13 who like romantic comedy.*

**Ella Hewitt, age 15**

***This book is a very powerful novel, it is both thrilling and heart wrenching*** as it is a story of a girl who although lives a perfectly normal teenage life, is bullied and teased for her disability. ***I would 100% recommend this book for all readers, as is a lovely love story!***

**Felicity Kerswell, age 15**

***This book was a good read and one I would not normally have picked up in a book shop. A great book if you like reading romance!***

*This book was Okay. The character Annie is Strong and independent even though she has Cerebral Palsy and Fab, a wild and energetic person looking for love. The Way Annie progresses through the book makes you feel connected and as a reader I began to understand what it is like to have Cerebral Palsy and how it can affect people. This book shows Annie's perspective of what it is like to live with this condition. I would of never of picked this book out in a book shop but enjoyed reading it.*

**Humaira Kauser, age 19**

*I've always seen Jenny McLachlan books featured online and in bookstores; they seemed to be background books to me but that is about to change after*

reading 'Truly Wildly Deeply'. This is the first book of the authors that I have sat down and read so I don't know what her other books are like but if they are anything like this then I'll be in for a treat.

**What I love most about this book is how the characters are so unapologetic; yeah Annie is in a wheelchair and sometimes sticks out like a sore thumb but it's who she is. The same can be said for Fab. It's such a sweet feel good romance that is not like the usual sappy kind- its pure love.**

**Emma Corden, age 12**

*I absolutely loved this book because I found it showed how it really feels to have an illness that effects how you walk and how people think of you.*

*I found it amazing how Annie had the courage to act so relaxed and cool in the book and how she acted like a normal girl even when she wasn't treated like one. I love how she makes so much effort to make Fab like her but something always gets in the way of their love. I found it funny when they argued in class over their thoughts on a book and how Fab would be so casual when talking to the teacher that he ended mowing a teacher's lawn and giving her apples. In conclusion **I think this is an amazing book for anyone especially if you like a comedy!***

**Daisy Pritchard-Williams, age 13**

**'Truly Wildly Deeply' by Jenny McLachlan is so funny it will have you hysterically rolling around on your bedroom floor.**

**Totally relatable.**

**I loved it.**

*There were so many twists and turns in the story and I loved the use of Wuthering Heights throughout the story. My favourite character was Fab as he was loud and funny, however Annie and I do share a common hobby, people watching!*

*Overall this was a beautiful story and I hope to find more books by this author.*

**Susanna Wagstaff, age 15**

**'Truly, Wildly, Deeply' by Jenny McLachlan is definitely an example of feel good fiction.** The characters are so easy to love, especially the protagonist Annie who's not only relatable, but also such an interesting

*character. The story revolves around her and her experience of starting college. Her main priority is independence, as having a disability shouldn't hold anyone back, and her strength is inspiring throughout the book.*

*When she meets Fab, he is completely different to her and their encounters are funny, and often heart-warming. While Fab is intent on romance, Annie is still focusing on independence. Throughout the book, Annie encounters situations and people she may have never expected, all of which shape her to the character she is by the end of the book.*

*It's one of those books you can rely on to put you in a good mood, while you become engrossed in the sweet, well written and all round hilarious life of Annie. **I definitely recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a classic love story and a pick me up style book.***

### **Soph Ufton**

***Wow!! I've never been more into a book than this one. I really couldn't put it down. At times I had to but I always wanted to keep reading. Everybody needs this book.***

*Annie is just about to start college and she cannot wait. She has cerebral palsy and finally wants to be independent and not have others do everything for her. She just wants to be herself.*

*Then she meets Fab, he's Polish and when Fab sees Annie he falls for her and wants her for his own. Annie is horrified because she doesn't want to "belong" to anybody but then she starts to fall for him too. Love makes you do some crazy things and this romantic gesture she gives will leave you all speechless.*