

Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of **The House With Chicken Legs** by Sophie Anderson

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Lovereading4kids members.



Lewis Briggs, age 11

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'The House With Chicken Legs' is a lovely story suitable for both boys and girls. It tells the story of Marinka as she comes to terms with her role in life. At first she rebels but then realises that her current life has a lot going for it. It also tells how Marinka deals with the loss of her grandmother.

It is a beautiful story full of lots of vivid language and places. We follow Marinka as she makes new friends and realises her old friends, the house and a crow, are still important. It is like what happens when I moved

from junior school to high school and I realised both old friends and new friends are important. I also like the way Marinka uses the routine of her life to firstly rebel and then find her place in the world and how by the end, she understands that doing something important is a valuable thing to do.

Seren Daly, age 11

This book was really good and I enjoyed it a lot.

'The House With Chicken Legs' is about a girl called Marinka who lives in a house with chicken legs. She lives with her grandmother Baba Yaga. Every night she watches spirits glide through to the underworld and wishes for a friend. A turn of events leaves her stranded by herself with no hope of rescue. She seeks help and finds herself in even more trouble - will she ever be free? This book is a series of adventures based on the story of Baba Yaga the old wise woman.

It is about finding your own destiny and never giving up. *It has a beautiful story line with regrets and mistakes and things that she wishes she hadn't done. I loved*

this book and can recommend it to any year group as it is suited to all ages. I really enjoyed reading this book and hope others do too.

Grace Phelan, age 10

Wow-just wow! What an enchanting read that was! I clung onto every word that was printed before me, this book was practically made to dazzle children.

'The House With Chicken Legs' is a tale of the witch from old Russian fairy stories called Baba Yaga with a wonderful twist. Whoever thought that the scary Baba Yaga could actually be painted in a good light? Not me, not ever, until I read this book.

Marinka detests her life. She just wants a normal childhood and to make normal friends but that seems impossible when your grandmother is Baba Yaga and your house has chicken legs which move on all the time without warning. Each night Baba Yaga and Marinka guide the dead through a special gate to continue on their journey to the stars. But one day, Marinka makes a greedy and foolish mistake which costs her dearly as she loses her beloved Baba Yaga. She tries with all her might to get Baba back and makes some good friends and not so good friends on her way.

I found this book thrilling and magical in the way it was written. My favourite character was Louse (if you count it as one) as it looked after Marinka and protected her in every way.

I would recommend this book to 9-12 year olds and to people who like fairy tales with a twist. Also if you enjoy 'Songs and verses' by the magnificent Roald Dahl you will enjoy this book.

Ellen Cox, age 11

This is one of the best books I've ever read. 'The House With Chicken Legs' is one of my favourite stories now and I hope Sophie Anderson writes more stories like this.

This is a great storytelling you can be who you want to be. Marinka is girl with a strong sense of what she wants in the world. She finds being dead annoying at first but she soon learns to put up with it and get on with life or death come to that. I loved this book because I could relate to Marinka's feeling towards her Baba.

Bella, age 11

The House with Chicken Legs is a beautiful story, it's very sad in parts. I loved getting to know the personality of the house and wish I had a house that could take me on adventures.

The House With Chicken Legs is a really good story. It took me a long time to read it though as it has very sad chapters and I found it hard to read some of them. Marinka's lives with her grandmother whose job it is to guide the dead through the gate. This will be Marinka's job soon but she doesn't want it. She wants friends and adventures and a life with the living but then she loses her Baba and is determined to make bring her back and make things right.