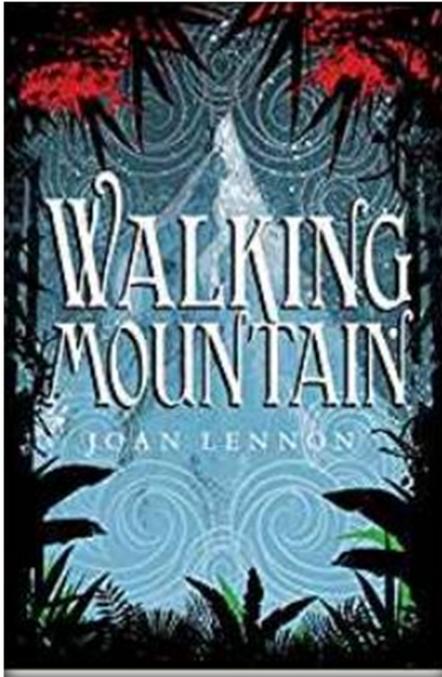


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Walking Mountain** by Joan Lennon

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



Llew Harrison, age 10

A dramatic adventure involving fake identities, crazy ladies, faith, riding in the Aubergine and seas splitting open.

Action, comedy, adventure...

Right, let's put first things first, at the very beginning I thought this would be a long boring book as the level of description was very high. But, as I read on, I realised the level of description was high but the book still had a very quick pace! I don't know how Joan managed to pull that off, but I'm glad she did.

Pema, a boy living on the mountain, the "Walking Mountain", notices that it has started to walk south and decides to tell the Sisters.

When he's there he meets Singay and they get carried off on a dramatic adventure to save Rose involving fake identities, crazy ladies, faith, riding in the Aubergine and seas splitting open. After that Singays life will never be the same again...

I would recommend this book to age 9+ as the level of description would be too high for anyone below that age.

Star rating:*****

Miyah Smith, age 11

This is an excellent book, well written and sometimes quite moving. I would recommend it to most people my age.

Harsh Budhdeo, age 10

Interesting and really liked reading it.

I enjoyed the 'Walking Mountain' very much. I liked how the author started with a story from a different chapter in the first chapter. The author's imagination of the character Rose was very good. He is my favourite character because he is special and he is looked after the most.

Joan Lennon has created the scenes very well by using adverbs and adjectives. the story was good because Joan makes the children feel hope even in bad situations...to look past their problems.

Bella, age 10

Hard to get into but really good when the story gets going.

I found 'Walking Mountain' quite hard to get into because it's about a whole different world. It was hard to imagine what it would be like so I ended up reading it aloud with my mum.

When the story got going it was really really good. I loved the journey and the friendship, then ending was really exiting and good too.

My favourite bits were when they were on the boat as crew members and the ending and Rose was my favourite character as he is so odd.

Children my age 10 to 12 will like this book.

Seren Daly, age 10

'The Walking Mountain' was exiting, adventurous, tense, and sad. You won't regret reading it.

'The Walking Mountain' is a fantastic book and is very exiting and makes you want to find out more. There are lots of mysteries and it can be tense at times. I think children under 10 might have difficulty understanding some parts. I really like the idea of the drivers driving meteors instead of cattle. I think it's a bit sad at the end. I think it would be great if there was another book as it would be nice to find out more. This is a great book and I hope everyone that reads it enjoys it as much as I did.

Rose Hopkins

When I read the blurb for this book I was worried it might be a little childish, but it certainly wasn't. I loved it. There is a likeness to Philip Pullman's Dark Materials, but it is far easier to understand. The characters are very likeable which meant that the ending really hurt – I was so close to tears. My favourite character has to be Rose – he is so optimistic but there's a real mystery to him. Overall, I think the author has been very creative in writing this book – it is a little window into a completely different world. There isn't anything you could improve on.

When I say I love this book I really mean it – it's now my favourite book and I'm looking out for other books by this author.

Emma, age 11

I found this book very hard to get into but if you have a good imagination then it will be easier to understand.

I found 'Walking Mountain' very hard to get into but if you have a very visual imagination I think it would be much more enjoyable. In this book there a range of different characters including: Rose, a driver for the Mountain; Pema, a boy who lives with his grandparents in the highlands in the shadow of the Mountain; Singay, a sister in the abbey that is at the top of the Mountain who is wild and doesn't like being a sister at all. The threesom travels across the country to reunite Rose with the other drivers because the Mountain is starting to move backwards at an alarming rate.

Miyah Smith, age 11

*It took me a while to get into this book, but when I did I really enjoyed it. **It was an epic adventure story and I never would have guessed so much could happen in one book.***

Ella O'Gorman, age 12

An intriguing, original and highly imaginative tale of adventure, bravery and sacrifice. It's filled with great characters and moves along at an exciting pace that makes it compelling reading.

This story centres around a mountain in a remote region that has always moved northwards but now suddenly has started moving backwards. The

central characters, Pema and Singay live very sheltered lives, but they are curious about the world beyond where they live. They come from completely different backgrounds. Pema lives in the High Land and Singay is a novice Sister of the Snow. When they find an unusual character, called Rose, living inside the mountain, they are joined together in a common quest to urgently help this meteor driver restore the earth's equilibrium. Along their journey, which takes them far away from their home, they face daunting challenges, but the bond that has formed between them and their mission, spurs them on. I would absolutely recommend this book to lovers of fantasy and adventure.

Emily Locket

Every year without fail the mountain has moved a little to the north, or at least it did. Suddenly it has started moving in the opposite direction which is bad news for the people living on the other side. Pema, Singay and a strange man named Rose set out to stop it. Rose isn't any ordinary man he's a Driver of comets.

This book is one of a kind as it's unusual for a mountain to move. It's an unusual for a book to contain adventure, science-fiction and fantasy all in one book- but this one manages it! I'd recommend it to anyone who enjoys 'Wolf Brother' and 'Millions'.