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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Wildings** by Nilanjana Roy Illustrated by Prabha Mallya



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



Sidney Greenslade, age 12

'The Wildings' is an outstanding book set in a world of warrior cats who face a new and terrible danger. Exciting, touching and thrilling - read it now!

'The Wildings' is an amazing and beautiful tale of the Clan of Cats living in Nizamuddin, a town populated by ""bigfeet"" who leave the cats alone with a substantial supply of food. However, the Wildings peaceful life is thrown into disarray when a new cat arrives; an indoor puss who lives with bigfeet and has a powerful and magical skill. Although most cats have similar skills this new feline has it in amazing quantities and she also has a talent for knowing

when danger is coming. Sure enough, danger IS brewing in the old Shuttered House - a place no cats like to go near - and this threat will destroy the whole clan if they don't fight back.

'The Wildings' kept me enthralled from beginning to end. The author described the world in such detail that it seemed as though I could almost smell the smells, hear the sounds, reach out and touch the cats. All the characters had brilliant personalities and I particularly liked Miao, the beautiful, wise Siamese with incredible fighting skills. I will definitely recommend this book to others and will certainly read it again. I cannot wait to read the next instalment - I loved the plot, the characters, and the imagination.

Outstanding, and everything I could hope for in a book; action packed, cat-filled and with a remarkable sense of realism. Cat-tastic!

Toby Little, age 8

I really enjoyed this book, and I think everybody should read it, because the author describes her places and objects really well, and the story is amazing and incredible.

The Wildings is about cats which have amazing but scary lives in Delhi in India. All the characters are cats, and humans are called Bigfeet. Some cats live with the Bigfeet, but some are wild. A kitten's mother and a kitten were chased by Bigfeet, but the kitten just about got away, and ends up in the Nizamuddin clan. There is a war between two cat clans, one is the Nizamuddin clan, the main clan in the book. The author uses lots of adjectives to help you get the pictures in your head, which is really useful if you're not used to reading, and it helped build the story.

The story was fast-paced, but not too much - it was exciting to find out what happens next. I'd give this book 9 out of 10, it maybe just about squeezes in as my 4th-favourite book, because I like how it is set a real country and it helps your imagination to grow. It has inspired me to go to Delhi and see the country for myself one day. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

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Sam Harper, age 11

This brilliant animal adventure is a must-read for anyone who loves animals, especially cats. I can't wait for the next in the series. Fantastic!

When a new, powerful Sender arrives in Delhi, sending her thoughts into the minds of all of the Nizamuddin clan members, they agree that she needs to be destroyed. They send Beraal, their best assassin, to make a swift kill but when she tracks the Sender down all she finds is a tiny ball of ginger fur called Maya. Orphaned and taken in by the Bigfeet as a house cat, Maya just wants to play and has no idea what a powerful Sender she is. Beraal realises that Maya might have been sent to the clan just when they need her and she fights Hulo, their toughest tom, to save Maya's life. But it's going to be hard work training little Maya, her powers are strong but she doesn't know how to control them yet. She doesn't understand why she got a smack bottom when she so carefully pushed

the nasty figurines and doodads off the Bigfoot shelf or why her leaping-on-Bigfeet exercises are met with a certain lack of enthusiasm. She's terrified of the world outside her Bigfeet home, she thinks it is smelly and scary but her new friends Beraal and Southpaw will help her. When the Shattered House Bigfoot dies the feral cats who live there, led by the bloodthirsty Datura, are released into the streets. Crazy with blood-fever they see all of the Nizamuddin creatures, even the clan, as their prey. Now all of the animals, cats, mongeese, squirrels and possibly even a tiger must work together to defend Nizamuddin and to survive.

I loved the way the cats behaved and how all the animals talked to each other in Jungle. The proud Bengal tiger Ozzy and cute little Maya made me laugh and the fight scenes were amazing. This brilliant animal adventure is a must-read for anyone who loves animals. Fantastic.

Harriet Harper-Williams, age 10

A wonderful adventure for cat lovers like me. The Wildings are tough warrior cats who can easily fend for themselves. When one day a strange voice is heard, the lives of these fierce cats are about to change...

At the beginning it is a bit difficult to understand what is going on, but after the first few chapters you get really interested in the characters and in the story.

I would recommend this book for about 10 years and older because younger readers might find the story-line too difficult to follow.

A great book for all cat lovers!

Mia Goodman, age 9

*I read The Wildings because I love cats. **It is full of adventure and enjoyable to read. I would recommend this book for anyone aged 12 plus as some of the vocabulary is quite hard to understand.** 'The Wildings' is an interesting book about cats in India. It is fun as it written from the cat's point of view and it is full of adventure though some parts are quite violent. Also, some of the wording and vocabulary was difficult to understand so I needed a grown-up to help explain it. All in all, however, I enjoyed reading this as I love cats and I would recommend this book to anyone else who likes cats and adventure stories.*

Josh Parcell, age 9

This book is fantastic because it displays friendships, guts, battles and victory.

The Wildings are a group of cats, courageous and determined. I would recommend this book.

The book is about The Wildings who are a group of cats, some of them have magical powers called 'senders', they have a lot of surprises and adventures as a family but they stick together, the ending is sad.

Charlotte Cassidy, age 11

'The Wildings' is an exciting, gripping book that really pulled me into the story and made me want to keep reading more. 'The Wildings' is an excellent book aimed at boys and girls, aged 11+ who like adventure stories.

At first, when I started reading the book, it was a bit confusing to understand, due to the fact that it launched straight into the story but I quickly got into it and by the end I was left wanting to read more.

The story is about a clan of cats called the Wildings. The clan is made up of all sorts of different cats from all sorts of different backgrounds (some pets, some run wild, etc), who all live near to each other. They are all living happily undisturbed until one morning there is signs that a 'Sender', a special type of cat, might be living nearby. This causes a huge commotion because 'Senders' can be good or bad and can cause all sorts of trouble. Another cat called Beraal is sent to track down and kill the sender but soon finds out that it can't and befriends the Sender causing problems.

I really hope that there is a follow up book out very soon as this thrilling chase of a story was in the end just too good to put down.

Anastasia Abdian, age 12

*'The Wildings' is a superb book with action and adventure. How will the Nizamuddin cats react to the dangers that threaten to her them apart? This is a great book for cat lovers and book readers alike. **To describe 'The Wildings' in one word, it would be: flawless. This is a book that will draw you in and keep you hooked to the story the whole way through.** Each*

page you turn will make you wanting more. With twists and turns each chapter this is an amazing book.

Evie Young, age 11

I thought this book was really well written, the author really made me think about animals in the wild and how we should treat them. I think maybe it should be for readers over 10 as there is a tiny bit of death and gore in there, but I did find it really exciting and couldn't put it down. The characters are really interesting, you get to know a lot about them. Some of my favourite characters are the Birds, I like the way they chat in tune and talk a lot like me! I also liked Miao because she is smart and clever. My favourite part of the book is when Ozzy scares the cats of the Shuttered House even though he is just a hologram from Mara's sending. I really hope the author writes more adventures based on these characters as I can't wait to find out more about them.

Miyah Smith, age 10

It took a while for me to get into this book, but when I did I really enjoyed it. It was beautifully written and probably one of the best books I've read this year.

Louie Mee, age 10

*The language was too flouncy and made reading this one difficult. **There was too much description of the setting and the names were difficult to remember and this made it confusing.** Descriptions were good but didn't stop and this made the plot seem like it was going nowhere.*

Edward Bailey, age 11

Not the best, could be clearer. *It was very hard to get into, it should describe what the fictional words mean before you use them. I have no idea what is being said!*

Oliver Thorpe, age 10

The Wildings is an addictive book. Once you get into it you can't get your head out of it. I found it was hard to follow the first few pages, but it was worth it. I would recommend it for ages 11+. *The Wildings* by Nilanjana Roy is a very good book. It was extremely hard to stop reading when I was told to. The only flaw is that it is very hard to follow, especially the first few pages, if not the first chapter. If it were to be recommended for children of ten and below I think the first chapter could be worked on. the first page was so hard to understand that I almost didn't read the book until my Dad came to the rescue and started reading it with me. It had some unfamiliar Indian words and terms, but most of them were explained in the book. A great book overall. I would recommend it for 11+.

Advika Mehta

*In Nizamuddin things are never quite normal. You can blame the wild cats for that. Everyone knows that when the cats have something on their mind the environment itself suffers, and this monsoon it looks like everything will go pear shaped. To add to the confusion a sender has been born. A sender with power capability higher than the eldest wild cats. But can she be of use in the battle or is she too cowardly to step outside. And finally something is stirring in the shuttered house...something the clan have never faced before. **The Wildings is an excellent book. It kept me occupied for a few hours and I wished it would last forever. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure or animal books and who is age 8 or above.***

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