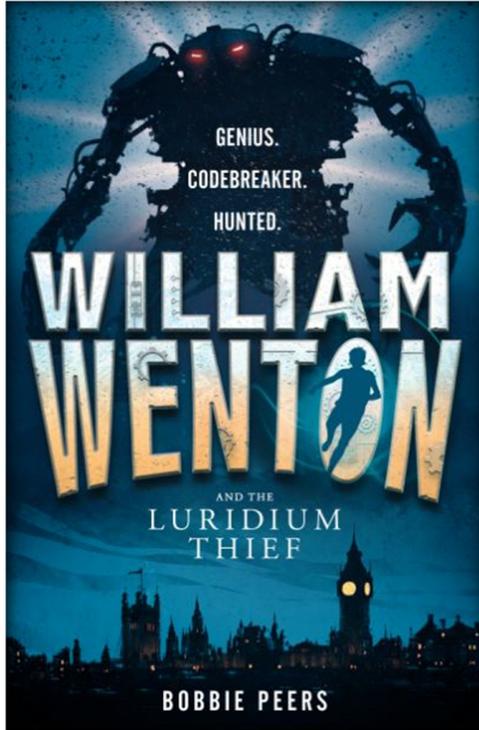


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **William Wenton and the Luridium Thief** by **Bobbie Peers**

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



Toby Little, age 9

It is a really proper good storyline, and I just couldn't put it down! I can't wait to read Bobbie Peers' next book!

'William Wenton and the Luridium Thief' by Bobbie Peers is a brilliant book which can be read by children at any age. The story is about a boy who is hunted. He is a code-breaking genius, but doesn't know that yet. One day, he gets attacked, because he succeeds in breaking the unbreakable code. He then gets chased and taken to an institute which helps people who are really good at code breaking carry on their lives in a good way. He is also on a search for his grandfather.

I like this book because it has loads of tech-stuff in it, and you can follow the storyline really well. My favourite character is Iscia, but I can't tell you why, you'll have to read the book! This book was originally called "Luridiumstyven" in Norwegian, and the translator Tara Chace did a brilliant job! I would say this would be good for age 8-15 years old. It is a really proper good storyline, and I just couldn't put it down! I can't wait to read Bobbie Peers' next book!

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Sam Harper, age 12

A fast paced adventure packed full of amazing gadgets, twists, turns and excitement. A great read!

William is no ordinary boy. He has incredible code-breaking talents which

make him stand out from the crowd. But William doesn't want to stand out – he wants to blend in. It is important that he doesn't draw attention to himself but that is easier said than done when you have skills like William and so, when his abilities are discovered, he is forced to go on the run. He ends up in the Institute for Post-Human Research and realises that he has been taken there because of his family mystery – the disappearance of his Grandfather 8 years ago. A man called Abraham Talley wants William's help to find the last traces of luridium, a strange, programmable metal. There is virtually none left in the whole world and Talley needs it in order to recharge the luridium that has taken over his body since the 1860's. William uses his time at the Institute to discover more about his missing Grandfather and teams up with Iscia who is trying to find her Institute file to see if they are planning to send her away like the other kids who disappear from the Institute each year. The pair are caught snooping around in the Archive but this is soon forgotten when the Institute is attacked by the same robot which attacked William's family in Norway. William, Iscia, Fritz Goffman, the director of the Institute, and Professor Slapperton are forced to flee to the Centre for Misinformation in London where William receives a hologram from his Grandfather. And what his Grandfather tells him is truly shocking.

A fast paced adventure full of amazing gadgets, I loved all of the robots and that fact that William was so good at cracking codes. Like 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl, this is also really exciting.

Harsh Budhdeo, age 9

***The book opens a whole new world to science, fiction and coding.
Very interesting once I got into it. Cool book!***

At the start I didn't enjoy the book because the setting wasn't described much. But as I went on to read it got better and better. I loved the character of William because he could solve a lot of puzzles....like the Impossible Puzzle and the Orb.

The author's idea of the Orb is fantastic...set with levels is a great idea. Level 4 was brilliant.

I like the idea of Luridium...and how it can control a person.

The book made me feel like I could make beetles, cylinders and other cool stuff.

Alex Sergeant, aged 11

William Wenton, an ordinary boy living in Norway, with a knack for cracking codes. He can't resist any puzzle and this talent is his greatest strength and his greatest flaw.

William is in hiding with his family. When the Impossible Puzzle comes to town, a challenge based on resetting the parts of a metal cylinder, his curiosity forces him to reveal himself to the world by solving it. This leads to an attack on his family's house where he is saved and taken to The Institute for Post-Human Research in England, a school for children with extraordinary code-cracking abilities. But the Institute hides a deadly secret...What is Luridium? And what is its connection to William's grandfather's disappearance?

I thoroughly enjoyed this book with its intriguing mysteries and fast-paced storyline. I liked the fact that that it had an original take on robots and sci-fi fantasy and combined humour and adventure very well.

I would recommend this book to anyone aged nine or over. It's a riveting, ingenious story about a boy whose incredible talent endangers his own life.

Jack Smith, age 12

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This book is full of adventure, codes and cryptography and I couldn't put it down! My favourite character is William as he is always up for adventure and was never scared to do anything! When his house was attacked by an unknown force of evil, his parents and he were split up and as he came across these mysterious people he found out everything! Another important person is his grandfather who disappeared 8 years ago and no-one had seen him ever since. In William's epic journey he cannot wait to find his grandfather!

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Alex Hall, age 11

William Wenton is an ordinary boy or so he thinks. He is called upon to solve ancient codes....I couldn't put this book down, it was an original plot & was full of excitement and adventure.

William Wenton is an ordinary boy in an ordinary country or so he thinks...

when an international problem comes up (the impossible puzzle), William is called to go to a special school for code breakers. In the attempt to find his missing granddad he must explore London's underground solving many puzzles as he goes. I couldn't put this book down, it was an original plot and was full of excitement and adventure.

Oliver Thorpe, age 11

'William Wenton and the Luridium Thief' is a smashing book about a young master code-breaker who has to save his grandfather and defeat the evil possessed man who is after him. This is a great read!

'William Wenton and the Luridium Thief' is a stunning book about a young master code-breaker who is taken to an institute for children like him. But an evil possessed man is after him for the traces of the incredibly rare intelligent metal known as Luridium. Can William and his friend crack lots of difficult codes and find his missing grandfather before it is too late? This is a brilliant book and I hope there is a sequel. Every paragraph brings something new and breathtaking to this book. The only criticism I have is that there isn't enough of it! I think anyone from ages six to thirteen would enjoy reading this thrilling book.

Emily Lonsdale, age 11

'William Wenton' is a smashing read for adventure lovers and those who like a bit of a mystery. This is one of those books which is begging for a sequel.

'William Wenton' is a truly fascinating adventure in an extraordinary world of killer robots, cryptography and a load of action.

I loved this book for its interesting plot and unique world of mad inventions.

My favourite character was William because he very good at code solving and quite funny too. I found the code solving bit of the book really interesting

I hope there are many more in this series because I think it would appeal to both boys and girls

Llew Harrison, age 10

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down, everything is a cliff hanger. It's E.P.I.C. It is absolutely packed full of suspense, action and comedy.

William Wenton, one of a kind...

William Wenton, living in Norway, under the name of William Olsen. But he wants to know why.

Ever since, his Grandfather made a mysterious disappearance he had been living by that name.

After a series of events, William is engulfed in a world of robots, magic and Luridium and is determined to find his grandfather.

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It's a fast moving book with an equal amount of description and speech.

STAR RATING: *****

AGE RATING: 8-11"

Alexander Bisland age 11

William is a codebreaker and he gets this skill from his grandfather. He is on the run after his grandfather's disappearance.

But when the impossible puzzle (a really hard code) comes to Norway (William's family's hiding place), William can't resist going to see it. After a misunderstanding, William is forced to solve the puzzle and his extraordinary skills are discovered.

That night, William is KIDNAPPED!!!

He is taken to the Institute for Post-Human Research because someone is after him. Someone who needs him to help him find some Luridium (a very important metal).

Does he make any friends?

Does he stop the person who is after him?

Does he find his grandfather?

Things are definitely not what they seem! Why? How? You'll have to read the book!

I really enjoyed this book and it's definitely one of the best books I have ever read. I recommend it to 9+ Alex Rider fans.

I loved this book and give it 12/10.

Daniel Maxwell, age 11

William Wenton and the Luridium Thief is an enjoyable book that could be for any ages between 7 and 12. It is a suitable book for children who like fantasy and adventure.

*William Wenton is a codebreaker. Eight years ago his grandfather went missing and ever since, the Wenton's have been hiding, pretending to be the Oslen's, from someone who needs William's special codebreaking skills to find the last remaining traces of a strange but powerful substance called Luridium. **'William Wenton and the Luridium Thief' is an enjoyable book that could be for any ages between 7 and 12. It is a suitable book for children who like fantasy and adventure.***

Sue Wilsher

For eight years, since the disappearance of his grandfather, William and his parents have been in hiding, living in Norway. A talented code breaker, William has a fascination for puzzles and, on a school trip to the History of Science Museum, he is drawn to the 'Impossible Puzzle' exhibition where his extraordinary skills lead to his discovery and kidnap. Taken to the Institute for Post-Human Research, William learns more about his grandfather's disappearance and the strange substance-luridium- which everyone seems to want.

From the start of the book, William is shown as a unique individual. A bit of a loner, fascinated by code breaking, he spends hours poring over his grandfather's old books, happiest on his own as his 'gift' with puzzles 'often got him into trouble'. He is curious, brave and determined- just the skills needed when faced with the challenges which follow!

Gadgets and robots abound in this story as the Institute is a place full research projects- a 'step-bot' which can only climb stairs, an 'argu-bot' which argues, a vacuum cleaner which tries to sneak off to watch 'Terminator'. Even the door of William's room is chatty and has a great sense of humour!

A very enjoyable read, this is a story packed full of excitement and

adventure with the reader kept wondering who William can trust right to the very end. I look forward to reading more about him!

Edward Bailey, age 12

A great book with the remains of possible second story. I could recommend it all day long!

Sorry this has taken so long to get to you but I have been busy. William Wenton is about a kid whose family isn't being that honest with him and he doesn't do anything about it. William is not a very brave person, he just goes along with everything everybody says. This is a great book and I love it even if there is a horrifying twist towards the end.