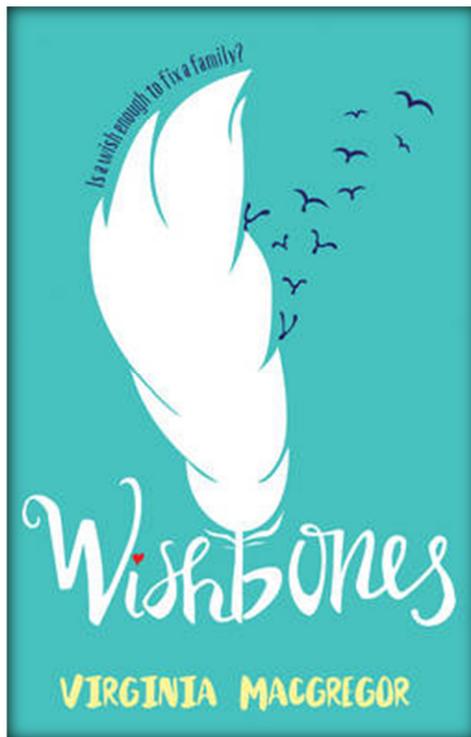


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Wishbones** by Virginia MacGregor

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



Neha Saji, age 14

A book that can tear your heart into a dozen pieces and then slowly superglue it back into place!

I loved 'Wishbones' by Virginia Macgregor. To be completely honest when I read the blurb of this book, it did not appeal to me at all. And then when I read the first few pages of the book, it did not hook me, I just thought it's another book about bullying, however I was completely wrong. The book touches many 21st century problems such as eating disorders, depression, sexuality and many more. You think it's just another average book at first, predictable, but there are so many unexpected plot twists. We are in the hidden as much as Feather, the main

character, is. Feather's views and emotions are so clearly put that the reader cannot help sympathise with her. We cannot help smile with her as we cannot help cry with her. I'm still in awe after reading the book and do not feel I could write more in this review to justify how good it was. All I have left to say is just go and read it!!!!

Grace Spear, age 14

*'Wishbones' is **an incredible book** with so many plot twists that, as soon as you think you've figured out the story you really haven't.*

It tells the story of Feather who comes home on New Year's Eve to find her mum in a diabetic coma. She realises she needs to do something to help her Mum but finds that the problem goes deeper than she thinks. Her two wishes are for her

mum to become healthy again, and to win the UK swimming championships. Feathers on a mission with old and new friends to discover the truth, help her mum get better, and make sure she sees her swimming.

This book was amazing and it made me feel so many things all at once. It brings awareness to two different eating disorders and makes you understand them a lot better. It is a brilliant story that is really well written, I could clearly imagine the story. I love the relationship with Feather and her best friend Jake because it is such an unusual friendship to see in a book. I loved this book and would defiantly recommend it.

Izzy Read, age 16

This is perfect for people between a rock and a hard place

Feather is focused on her fly swimming when her mum, the most obese woman in the country falls fatally ill. She realise something needs to change or her mum may not be around for too much longer.

*This is a story about eating, family relationships and finding your place in the world. **It was a refreshing touching YA book** that covered a range of mental illnesses. **It demonstrated the power and limitations of love, illustrating how messy life can be.** Although a little rushed at times, this is perfect for people between a rock and a hard place.*

<http://fromcovertocoverr.tumblr.com/>

Phoebe Allan

*Only pick this book up if you have nothing else to do for a few days, because **once you start reading it, you won't be able to put it down!** The story of Feather and her struggling family is written with humour and brutal honesty. **MacGregor writes in a beautiful and powerful way and all the characters quickly find a place in your heart.** The story has hidden layers and just when you think you have it sussed, MacGregor throws a curve ball that leaves you desperate to find out what happens next. In addition to being a fabulous read, the story also educates the reader on the often 'social taboo' of eating disorders and highlights the importance of not judging a person simply by their looks! I was sad when I had finished this book and I am keeping my fingers crossed that Virginia MacGregor releases another book soon!*

A definite thumbs up!

Kate Goodwin, Year 7 at Thorp Academy

*In a nutshell: 'Wishbones' is **a moving, heart-warming book that the majority of young-adults will enjoy.** When swim-obsessed Feather Tucker returns home on New Year's Eve to find her mother- one of the most obese women in Britain- in a diabetic coma, she will stop at nothing to get her healthy again. But it seems that her mother's problem runs deeper than just an unhealthy appetite... This exciting tale of a teenage girl uncovering her mother's past had me completely captivated, I couldn't put it down! My favourite character in this book was Houdini- the runaway pet goat. I loved Houdini because I thought that he was a very interesting character. Since he seemed like quite a comical character at first, I was amazed at how intelligent this goat could be! My favourite part in 'Wishbones' was when Feather finally discovered her mother's secret. This part was very surprising and unexpected; I never imagined that this secret could possibly be so intriguing. I also enjoyed how passionate Feather could be about her swimming; it was very inspiring how she still kept going, even when her life was so tough. **I absolutely loved this captivating story; it was honestly one of the best books that I have ever read!***

I recommend this book to girls between ages 10-16 who enjoyed reading books such as 'Time Travelling with a Hamster' and 'A Year Without Autumn'.