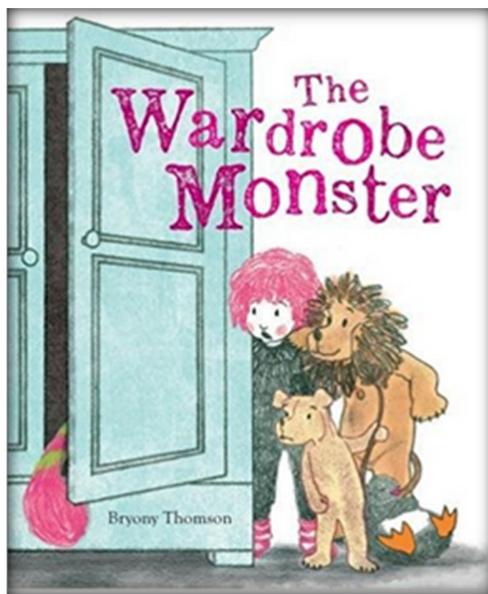


Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of The Wardrobe Monster by Bryony Thomson

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



Edith and Cecilia, age 5 and 3

***Lovely book. Beautiful pictures.
Turns the idea of night terrors on its head.***

Both my daughter LOVED this book. What's not to love???? There is the scare factor....the monster in the wardrobe and there is pink. This shouldn't put boys off the book but there is a fair bit of pink. Dora's hair is a tremendous shade of pink which has caused a few arguments with Edith (5) who thinks she should now have pink hair. I have to say that the pink is a lovely addition to the pictures and it really makes the colours pop.

As soon as my 3 year old saw the monster, she decided that because he was green and pink he couldn't really be scary. Edith was a big fan of the penguin who spends a lot of the book watching the proceedings and blinking. As the adult, the penguin was definitely my favourite character.

This book deals with the ever present night fears in a brilliant, unpatronising way. Firstly, we all laughed at the excuses Dora uses to delay going to bed. 'I do that mummy' were the cries from both my girls. The idea that the Wardrobe Monster was scared of noises coming from outside his wardrobe was fabulous. Ceci (3) was very concerned that he was lonely and now, the whole idea of night terrors has been turned on its head.

Abbie Collings, age 5

The story of confronting a fear and finding out everything will be ok with the help of your friends. I couldn't wait to find out what was

inside the wardrobe!

I was very excited to read this book because it arrived wrapped up as if it was a present! I like the pictures and the way they have been drawn and I was excited to find out what was inside the wardrobe. I am a bit like this girl because I have lots of toys in my bed when I go to sleep and she has her toys to help her to be brave enough to open the wardrobe. It is good to read when the monster goes bang, bang, bang and then she finds out there is no need to be scared after all.

We loved this book and couldn't wait to find out what was inside the wardrobe! Emily (aged 3) was very surprised at the page where you first see the monster. She was completely enthralled by what could be making the 'bang, bang' noises. When we finished the story she immediately wanted to read it again so a definite success in our house. - Abbie's mum.

Ian Eagleton - Teacher

A gently amusing exploration of night-time fears, with a cast of cosy, supportive characters.

'The Wardrobe Monster' is causing poor Dora and her friends all sorts of problems! Every night an ominous thudding and banging can be heard from the wardrobe. Dora, Lion, Bear and Penguin are exhausted and grouchy. But no matter how tired Dora is, the thought of going to bed at night fills her with dread. One night, with the encouragement of her friends, Dora decides enough is enough - she must put a stop to the terrifying sounds coming from the wardrobe. As they venture further into the darkness, Dora discovers that perhaps the Wardrobe Monster isn't quite as scary as she once thought...A delightful, gentle, amusingly illustrated story about things that go bump in the night.

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Aidan and Milo, age 5 & 2 and mum Sarah

Aidan:

A story about being brave because sometimes things you think are scary aren't really.

Dora and her toys don't know what the noise is in her wardrobe and she is frightened. Then the creature inside makes friends with them. I like this book very much. I liked it when they were scared of the noise but they didn't need to be afraid. I really liked it when they were all friends having fun at the end. The funniest bit was the penguin at the end!

Milo:

Don't be scared! Dora and toys all ok. Monster is funny!

Sarah:

*Very simple childlike drawings which were very appealing and endearing. Quite nice to see a different style of illustration. My 5 year old could read it alone and his 2 year old brother enjoyed it too. In fact the 2 year old was able to point at the pictures the next day and did a good job of retelling the story in his own way! **A lovely story and a way to explain that not everything that seems scary, is as it appears. I think this will become a regular bedtime favourite for them both.***