

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Geek Girl by Holly Smale

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Rachel Bourn age 13

Geek Girl is the hilarious story of 15 year old Harriet Manners as she attempts to fit in; which won't be an easy task, especially when a girl like Alexa Roberts hates your guts. And so does practically everybody else.

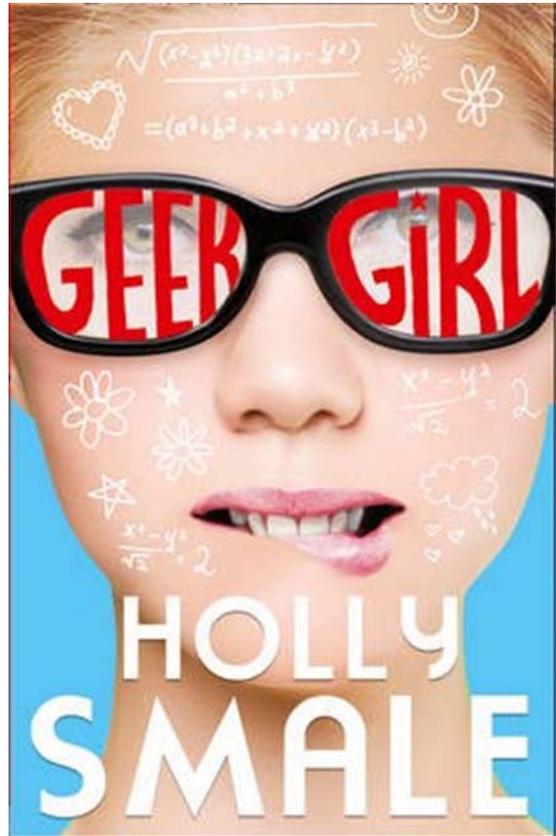
Harriet is a complete, absolute, total geek. She even looked geek up in the Oxford English Dictionary that she keeps by her bed, and neatly underlined it with her Natural History Museum pencil and ruler. Her best friend Nat is the opposite- She is MAD for fashion, and it is her dream that she will become a model, which is why Harriet was dragged along to The Clothes Show Live (for moral support- Nat intended to be talent spotted)

It REALLY wasn't a good idea to bring Harriet along...

This is the funniest book I've read in a long time. Harriet and her best (ONLY) friend Nat are two of the most entertaining characters I have come across. They are completely believable, utterly original and I hope this book has a sequel.

Mia Cook age 11

I expected a lot from Geek Girl, and I got more than I wanted. From the first line I was hooked, I couldn't put it down. The beginning was really funny and I was gripped. Harriet and her friends and family are introduced successfully using lots of detail to bring them to life. The characters are well-thought and each has



their own personalities.

Harriet definitely proves herself a geek with random facts and quirks popping up, usually in dialogue and the reactions made me laugh. Her knowledge is outstanding and I have learnt many things while reading this book.

The plot was very unusual, considered and very varied. It couldn't have been more realistic, with friends and family life just like any normal fifteen year old. Harriet's feelings are expressed well throughout the book. The point of view of first person made the story come to life and really stand out from other books I've read.

One of the best parts was when things start to fall out of place for Harriet and it seems like her worst enemy, Alexa, has won. I thought there would be no solution. My favourite characters were Harriet and Nat because they were hilarious and most of all their friendship was perfectly harmonised.

Instead of just one dilemma this book had lots of little ones popping up which kept my interest. It was a surprising ending and concluded the story well

I would highly recommend Geek Girl to anyone who likes a good laugh and enjoys a one-of-a-kind story.

Carla McGuigan Age: 12

In this novel a girl named Harriet Manners has a dream of fitting in. But when Harriet is forced to go shopping with her best friend Nat, Harriet gets spotted by modelling agent, the only thing is Harriet doesn't want to be a model, Nat does!! Harriet is worried about telling Nat she was spotted, as she doesn't want to hurt Nat's feelings. When Harriet decides that she's going to take the modelling job, she lies to Nat about being sick and to her step-mother about staying at Nat's house, so she can go to Moscow with her father and get some test shots taken for the tabloids. Will Harriet make the right choice and tell Nat that she lied about being sick or will she try to keep everything in the dark??

This novel was a very interesting read and I really enjoyed reading it. I look forward to reading more of Holly Smale's books.

Safiyah Afghan

Geek Girl is a heart-warming, charming, coming-of age book about a young girl Harriet Manners. She is tortured at school for being a 'geek', but when her and her friend Nat go on a school trip she is 'spotted'. This is her way out of a 'geek' lifestyle.

Geek Girl is a funny, wonderful book about the lovable Harriet Manners. Being

clever is her strong point, social interaction isn't. Told through her eyes it is a story of trying to fit in, finding out about true love and friendship and finding oneself.

Harriet is so well put across that the reader will fall in love with her immediately. Humour, friendship, adventure and a bit of romance make this a thoroughly enjoyable read.

A perfect book for teenage girls who enjoy these clever books about ordinary teenagers who undergo radical changes, but stay true to themselves as well as finding romance along the way. Quite a quick read; but this lovely, funny, insightful book is perfect for curling up with on a rainy weekend.

Eloise Percy-Davis Age: 12

Geek Girl is a fun-filled, clever, warm-hearted story of a Geek teenager, muddling through the challenges of fashion, romance and teenage life, to eventually find out who she really is. In this hilarious story it is easy to see from Harriet's perspective and you are laughing and crying with her. But does geeky Harriet succeed or fail in this crazy world of quirky characters and high competition? In this process of discovering herself, Harriet falls out with her family and friends, but in the end she might just get a surprise and she will find out who she really is and find out what's most important to her.

I love the zany and warm-hearted way that Holly Smale writes and I look forward to reading more of her work!

Izzy Read Age: 12

Harriet is a geek; a plain old geek. A girl whose favourite subjects are maths and science, and who has no interest in clothes what so ever. After being spotted at a clothes show, Harriet is suddenly whisked into the world of modelling and fashion.

*This is a funny and comforting read, making you laugh and cry, along with Harriet's crazy world. Turning the pages is like second nature while reading geek girl, it keeps your full attention until you realise that you've reached the end! **Most people can relate to this book, it covers so many aspects of a person's life; struggling to fit in, finding out who you are and having problems with friendships.** Overall, geek girl is a fantastic book that teens will be hooked over for hours!*

Delilah Acworth, 13

*Geek girl was an intoxicating journey into a proper geeks mind. The storyline was so well written that i spent my whole weekend reading it and was very put out when it finished! If this book doesn't become a bestseller I will be shocked. **I recommend this book to teenagers everywhere, it is a timeless classic that will be remembered forever, Read it!***

Meaghan Lagan, 14

*I read a book called 'Geek Girl' by Holly Smale. **I really enjoyed this book because it had a total twist.** I liked the twist because she was a geek but she got spotted to model. This shows that no matter who you are or what you are means that you can still be something good, popular, stylish etc. I found it funny when Nick (Boy Model) is actually the designer's nephew. I would recommend this to any teenage girl.*

Laoise Tabi, 14

*I read the book 'Geek Girl' and I really enjoyed it. I couldn't put it down. **It was a very girly book, humorous and clever. Laugh out loud quality.** I recommend it for teenage girls. What I liked most about it is that I can relate to the story. The book is about a girl named Harret who is labelled a geek by a bully in her class. She gets spotted by a model on a day out with her friend. The book is full of fall outs, break ups, tears, laughter and love. Geek Girl is well written and easy to read.*

Kara, 11

What I loved about Geek Girl was the humour, the way you get hooked into the story and feel like you're living it. I also really enjoyed the way you feel the character's emotions and the way that Harriet is like me.

Geek Girl made me laugh out loud!

I would recommend this book to readers aged 11+ who like funny books, like a bit of romance, like stories that hook you in and might understand what the girl in the story is going through.

After reading Geek Girl, I felt proud to be who I am because the book shows that you don't have to be like anyone else, you can just be yourself.

Stefanie Tucker, 13

*Geek Girls is a fabulous novel with a real message behind the words on the page. **The plot is fresh and I found myself inspired.***

It is predominantly about a girl named Harriet Manners, who, as the title suggests, is a geek. She has only one friend but they soon fall out. Harriet, being a geek is not ecstatic about a school trip to the Birmingham Fashion Show but, for her best friend Nat, it is the most important thing in the world. Ever since Nat was seven she dreamt about becoming a model, so this fashion show seems the ideal opportunity to be spotted; however, quite the opposite happens. It is Harriet who is spotted, and not just by any old agent, but by Infinity Models, a well-known, highly respected and sought after agency. Thus, begins the start of lies, secrets, excitement and love.

This book gets five stars for plot and 10/10 for an exciting and original storyline. I would recommend it to anybody who wants a book that will stay with them until long after they have turned the final page.

Alice D'Angelo 14

From the first page, I loved Harriet Manners and her look on life. *She's fun, interesting, but still experiences awkward situations and faces enemies at school. I think everyone can relate to her in some way, and can see part of ourselves in her. Harriet goes with her best friend Nat on a textiles trip to a market where there are many modelling agents. Nat has wanted to be a model since she was seven, and everyone expected her to get spotted. Instead, a talent scout finds Harriet. Mayhem ensues as Harriet tries to fit in in the new world of fashion, catwalks, and models much thinner and older than her.*

Throughout the novel there are many lies told as not just Harriet tries to hide the truth from others to try and protect them, but only makes it worse. Harriet is forced to choose between friendship, and proving to the bullies that she can be beautiful.

Sezen Mehmet, 12

I really enjoyed reading Geek Girl. It was engaging and a fun ride of emotions and laughs.

Harriet is a clever girl often called a geek. She is the opposite of her fashionable girly best friend named Nat who dreamt of being a model. So when Harriet is dragged out shopping by Nat, her being spotted by a modelling agency isn't what she expected. Everyone knows Harriet HATES fashion, so surely taking a job as a model is out of the question, right? Think again. Confused as a polar bear in a rainforest, could this offer be her chance to finally have a chance at being popular. A little white lie leads Harriet into creating a whole different story to her best friend and stepmother and turning into a fashion hating cover girl. Harriet has stolen Nat's dream; will Nat ever forgive her after she discovers the truth?

Captivated by the fantasy reformation of Harriet's geeky ways, she picks up knowledge of the fashion world. However she also gains the brains about friendship and strength along a jam packed journey flying her through the catwalk, love, independence, family, teenage drama and Moscow. The sparkling story of a Geek Girl going global is a page turning modern fairytale that will bring you to laughing out loud and moments of sadness and joy. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a fun story packed with great vocabulary coming from a geek

Robin Johansson 14 and Hannah Janman 11.

Geek Girl is an amazing book for girls in particular, more of a teenage/issues drama than a child's book.

I was so upset when I finished it, I really loved it! Harriet, the main character, was very likeable and the way her personality kept changing was brilliant. Thanks for a fabulous read holly Smale.

I have added this book to my year 6 class library already to share with friends!

4.5 stars from us

Zoe Crook

Geek Girl is a sweet novel told from the point of view from Harriet, a geek. After being bullied, she is desperate to change. She is spotted by a top model agency and Harriet doesn't hesitate to accept it - this is a way out of the geek life. As each disaster seems to be worse than the last one, Harriet is running out of time to change herself. Will it work?

I couldn't stop reading this book. Yes, people, this is the type of book that will keep you up all night! Don't say you weren't warned! Every time I would tell myself that I would read one more chapter and I would end up reading twenty. As desperate as I was to reach the ending, I also didn't want it to end. Smale does an excellent job of creating a diverse amount of characters, they all work really well together and they are definitely not boring.

It was also interesting to see how each character evolved throughout the story. Harriet was eventually proud to be a geek in the end but she doubted herself a lot. It is a book that every teenager should read as it gives across the message to be yourself, don't try to be like what everyone else wants you to be. As well as it being a brilliant story about finding yourself, it is also a hilarious book that has a lot of heart warming moments.