

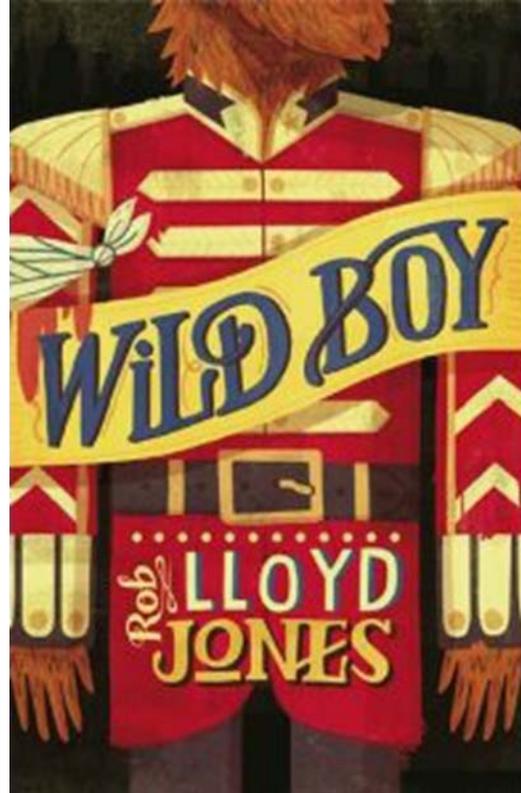
## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones

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

### **Violet Mackintosh**

*I have really enjoyed reading 'Wild Boy.' This murder mystery keeps you guessing right to the end. It has everything I think a good book should have: a gripping story line, well described characters, varied vocabulary and an unexpected discovery at the end. This book shows how friendship can be made out of a very difficult situation. Wild Boy and Clarissa Everett are enemies at the beginning of the book, their worlds are completely different, one is seen as a freak and the other a star acrobat, yet the way they made friends is completely believable. The scenes and places where Wild Boy and Clarissa go are described so well that I could almost smell the dirty alleyways of London in 1841, as I was reading Wild Boy sitting on my sofa at home! Wild Boy is a murder mystery most puzzling and confusing, with lots of red herrings to set you off the true facts. In the end, Wild Boy manages to solve the mystery even though the whole of London is on the lookout for him. He does this with the help of Clarissa and his amazing skill at noticing small detail.*

***I strongly recommend this book as a thrilling adventure mystery. Be careful once you have picked this book up - you will not be able to put it down before you finish!***



### **Sam Harper, age 9**

*I have just finished reading Wild Boy and it kept me guessing until the very end. I had no idea how the mystery would be solved and the final twist took me completely by surprise. It's the story of Wild Boy, an orphan made to work in the freak-show of a Victorian travelling circus because he has hair growing all over his body. He has a terrible existence which gets even worse when a professor, demonstrating electricity in the circus, is murdered and Wild Boy is blamed. He has to run for his life with his new friend Clarissa and use all of his skills to survive. His talent for spotting small details is put to the test when he is framed for a second murder and is forced to prove his innocence by capturing the real killer. The clues lead Clarissa and Wild Boy through a series of unexpected twists and turns and they meet both good and evil characters during their dangerous exploits. **If you like exciting adventures and mysteries I am sure that you will love the story of Wild Boy!***

### **Khushi Gupta**

*Ladies and Gentlemen, take your seats. The show is about to begin. This jaw-dropping story fills your heart with the question: who is the killer? As Wild Boy and Clarissa go on the hunt for the clues of the killer as he cleverly frames it onto them. Meanwhile Wild Boy is no ordinary boy. He was raised in a workhouse and is head to toe covered in a thick, matted hair and stinks horribly! As Augustus Finch (the showman) beats him up and gets drunk most of the time Wild Boy has to think of other ways to amuse himself - eventually he develops a Sherlock Holmes type observation skill. As this is a dreadfully complicated story it also involves a machine 'what changes you' and surprisingly the Killer is after that. I would also recommend that there should be a few illustrations at the beginning of each chapter because the story gets a bit boring if it doesn't have any pictures and 9+ viewers would have got a bit bored.*

***I would give this book 9/10 because of its fantastic description, mystery and red herrings.***

**Ciaran Doyle, age 12 St. Colm's High School**

***Wild boy is a brilliant book about a horrendous freak, covered in head to toe in hair, with large, scary, green eyes.***

*As a boy, Wild Boy was left at an orphanage where he dreamed of being adopted. He was locked away as he got bullied for looking different. When a Mr. Finch came to see him he thought it was his chance, but it turned out to be a disaster as he was added to a nasty freak show where he was abused and bullied.*

*An amazing story about a boy with a magical gift of being able to see small things, impossible for any normal person to see. Wild Boy does not realise the magical gift he has and when he is framed with murder and there is a reward for his capture, he is forced to make friends with an enemy of his and use his gift to survive.*

*Can Wild Boy survive and solve the murder mystery at the same time, and who can they trust?????????*

**Abbie Roberts, age 10, Little Sutton CE Primary**

*I had so much fun reading Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones. I felt like I knew the character: Wild Boy, so that made the book even more exciting. Wild Boy has lived his entire life separated from other people, never fitting in or belonging because of the hair that grows all over his body. Because of this, Wild Boy has learned a different way of seeing than everyone else, a way of observing his surroundings that most people don't take in. These powers really come in handy as Wild Boy is accused of murder and is on the run to clear his name. As he and a circus girl named Clarissa are searching for the killer they seem to grow on each other and then want to work with each other. **Wild Boy is a wonderful book filled with adventure and mystery and with really great characters. I highly recommend that you read it!***