

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Astounding Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce

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

**Evie Scott-Sentence, age 11**

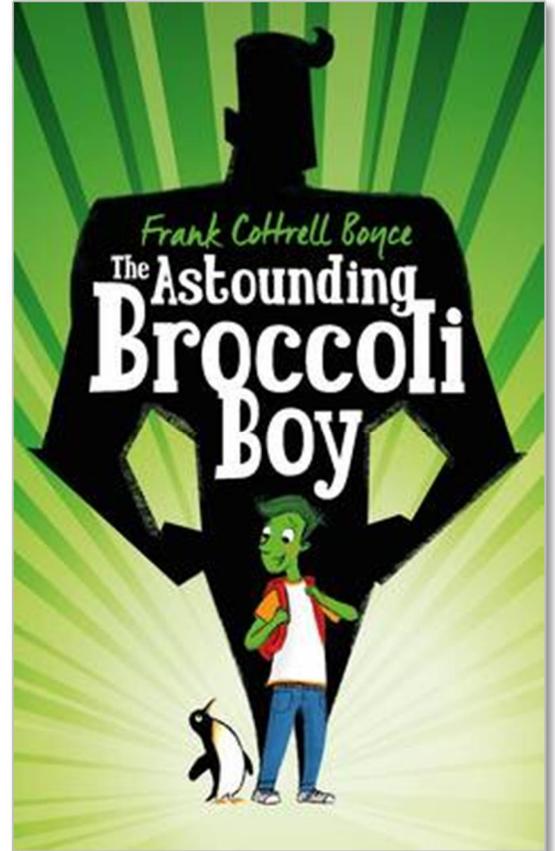
***I read it in one go without stopping! It is so well planned and with loads of imagination.***

***It's a wowzer book! 11 out of 10!***

*This book is about a boy who after being pushed into a river, turns green.*

*He is put into an isolation ward in a hospital where he meets another boy who is also green. And guess what, it's his worst enemy ... But the two boys go on astounding adventures including robbing a bank (sort of), hiding a penguin and kidnapping a girl.*

*This book is amazing! It's one of the best he's ever written and I've read a lot of his books. I'd give it 11 out of 10 and say with my "wow factor" that it's a "wowzer!" book. It's got such imagination and is packed with adventures. I strongly recommend this book.*



**Sam Harper, age 11**

***A brilliantly funny book. Rory and Grim made a fantastic team and their exploits made me laugh out loud. I loved it!***

*The book 'Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared' has helped Rory to cope with most difficult situations but it didn't cover what to do when you are accused of trying to kill the school bully with a Wagon Wheel and now his henchmen are after him for Revenge. It also didn't prepare him for turning bright green or suddenly being able to teleport. He finds himself locked in a hospital with his enemy Grim Komissky while their strange greenness is investigated by Nurse Rock and Dr*

*Brightside. It's not much fun living in a goldfish bowl having lots of painful blood tests and samples taken of their bright green wee. When Grim sleepwalks off the hospital roof, Rory follows him and their crazy nighttime adventures begin. They try to rob The Bank and release all of the animals in the zoo but what if being green isn't a bad thing? Could their greenness have given them superpowers and will they chose to be superheroes or supervillains? Spinach coloured Koko Kwok joins them and with a Killer Kittens outbreak sweeping the country they may be the only people who can save Christmas.*

*'The Astounding Broccoli Boy' is a brilliantly funny read. The night at the zoo and driving the bin lorry was hilarious. Peter the Penguin was great but it's a shame Grim tried to give him his freedom out of a 12th floor window! Rory and Grim made a fantastic team and their exploits made me laugh out loud. I loved it!*

**Joseph Pancha Ekinici, age 8**

***'The Astounding Broccoli Boy' is a funny book full of mystery, science and adventure!***

*The story is set in an isolation ward where Rory Rooney was taken after he turned green.*

*Rory Rooney is a brave boy who never gives in and always stands up to bullies. I like him because he shows a lot of courage. Rory is my favourite character because after he turned green he could do the most amazing things like teleport anywhere he wanted, have microscopic vision and even survive a hippo attack!*

*I liked the book because Tommy-Lee (the bully) did a spooky playmobil walk every night and lead them into trouble but would always make it back to the isolation ward safely.*

*My favourite part was when Tommy-Lee made friends with Rory and they jumped off the top of the Shard!*

***The book has no illustrations but the words told me a lot.***

*I would definitely read another book by the same author because his books are funny and his chapter titles made me laugh out loud!*

*I would recommend this book to children aged 7-11 who like funny stories similar to 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or 'Gangsta Granny'.*

**Liam Wilson, age 9**

***Unlike broccoli, this book is good!***

*Rory Rooney goes on a school trip to Columendy, and falls in a river and turns green! He thinks he's a superhero and has superpowers, but it's not easy being green.*

***This is a hilarious book for all ages.***

***9.5 stars out of 10.***

*P.S You'll like this if you've ever wanted to be a superhero, but watch out for Killer Kittens...*

**Logan McGhee, age 9**

***An outstanding, mind-blowing read full of new scenarios and adventure.*** *I am so lucky to have read this amazing book and I think that Frank Cottrel Boyce wrote an amazing book which I loved!*

*I extremely liked this book. It's an amazing read for children above 9 as it's filled with new scenarios and adventure. I loved the whole concept of the book with Rory Rooney turning green, then realising his arch enemy is in the same room at the same time! I think this author did a really well written story. I'm so lucky to have read this outstanding, mind-blowing book by Frank Cottrel Boyce.*  
***There wasn't a single thing wrong with the book for me!***

**Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9**

***Have you ever heard of Broccoliitus? Do you like comic strip superheroes? This could be THE book for you! Rory turns green unexplainably. A really crazy funny book to read.*** *The Queen, a penguin, The Mayor, The President. All these are characters in this crazy book. Rory and 2 other children find themselves in a hospital after turning green. Why and how did this happen? Will they be green forever? This was a really crazy book. I have never read anything like it but really enjoyed it. I think boys would love this more than girls.*

**Hannah, age 14**

*If you put together; turning green for some unknown reason, having to share an isolation room in a hospital with a bully and thinking you are a superhero.*

*Then you have this book in a nutshell.*

***When Rory Rooney turns green his whole life is turned upside down. Will he ever get back to a normal colour? How will he survive sharing a room with his arch-nemesis?***

**Bethan Scarr Age 13**

***All together a great read with lots of laughs, if you have enjoyed any other of Frank's book you will love this one.***

*As a big fan of Frank Cottrell Boyce I was very excited to read 'The Amazing Broccoli Boy', and I was certainly not disappointed. The book takes what are ordinary characters and sends them on an extraordinary but wholly believable adventure. I was immediately drawn to the children in the book and felt a bond with them. There were many laugh out loud moments and several times where I held my breath hoping everything was going to be alright. I could also see a serious message that would ring true for everyone; it's okay to be different. All together a great read with lots of laughs, if you have enjoyed any other of Frank's book you will love this one.*

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**Joshua Zinkin, age 9**

***This book is definitely in my top 20 books. I would give this book 10/10.***

*This book is about two boys who never liked each other but both found themselves turning green. They are sent to an isolation ward in a 12-storey hospital in case they are contagious. They pretend they are superheroes and have lots of adventures together. I really enjoyed the book because of the range of adventures they had. I recommend this book to anyone between 9-12 years. This book is definitely in my top 20 books. I would give this book 10/10.*

**Sidney Greenslade, age 11**

***An unusual, intriguing and funny story of how one boy copes after he suddenly turns green! Very enjoyable.***

*'The Astounding Broccoli Boy' tells the tale of Rory Rooney who loves to be*

*prepared for all situations – especially the most unlikely ones – but even his favourite book “Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared” is no use to him when he suddenly turns a bright broccoli green.*

*Rory is rushed away to hospital where he finds himself with two other oddly green children. None of them feel ill – in fact they all feel fantastic – so Rory begins to wonder whether their new green condition isn't a symptom of an illness at all. Perhaps he and the other green children are actually superheroes? If so, he can't wait to find out what his superpower is!*

*‘The Astounding Broccoli Boy’ is a very good story where the author describes the characters so well that they feel like your friends. It was fun, unusual and exciting and had some unexpected twists and turns which kept me wanting to read on.*

*I really enjoyed the story and would read it again.*

### **Christie Cribbens-Edwards, age 10**

*Drop your old books, ask your mum and dad for money (or use your own) and run to the shops for a copy now! Thank you Frank Cottrell-Boyce for this masterpiece.*

***This is a slightly curious and funny book, which I think is amazing.*** It starts with a boy called Rory Rooney, who is shy and bullied. His bully, Tommy-Lee Komissky, is big, strong and has a massive allergy to nuts. One day Tommy-Lee takes Rory's wagon wheel and starts to choke on it, this is how Rory finds out Tommy-Lee has a nut allergy and Rory's blamed for trying to kill him. On a school trip, Rory is pushed into a freezing river and **TURNS GREEN!**

*From then on there's shocks, cliff-hangers and best of all quinoa!*

***This is a brilliant, action-packed book for people who like strife and curiosity. It is so well-written it makes you feel as if you are there with the characters, following their adventures.***

*More exciting than ‘The Hunger Games’, more curious than ‘Harry Potter’ and greener than a bogey, this book will have you hooked! Drop your old books, ask your mum and dad for money (or use your own) and run to the shops for a copy now! Thank you Frank Cottrell-Boyce for this masterpiece.*

### **Rose Hopkins, age 9**

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*Three children turn green (2 of them former enemies). They make a supersquad (they couldn't choose a name) and try to do good, but end up plunging London into havoc. With everyone terrified of them, people are even calling them aliens (and them being locked up) how can they do good?*

*It's a wonderful story. Even better than I thought it would be. I can't wait to find out what else Frank Cottrell Boyce is going to write*

**Daisy Theobald, age 12**

***This book was one of the funniest books I have ever read.*** *My favourite character was Rory because I liked the way he changed to a more confident person threw out the book. My favourite part was probably when they drew the long picture of London. I am now going to go on and read the rest of Frank Cottrell Boyce's books. The book was about a few children who turn a broccoli green colour, they are taken to hospital and whilst they were in hospital they discover why they think they have been turned green. They go ahead with a mysteries that they never would of dreamed of 2 or more months ago.*

**Eden Bartin, age 7**

***FANTASTIC! I give this book 10/10***

*I think the book was really good although a bit slow to get started within chapter 1 to 4 and there were a few tricky words in it. I liked the book because it was a bit funny and very interesting but some bits I didn't understand. I give this book 10/10*

**Niall Baker, age 10**

***I loved reading this book, every mistake leads to another part of the story. Intriguing chapter titles draw you into the plot.***

*'The Amazing Broccoli Boy' is a tale about a boy who is misunderstood for trying to kill a bully with a biscuit. The bully has an allergic reaction and is*

*rushed to hospital. I loved reading this book, every mistake leads to another part of the story and intriguing chapter titles draw you into the plot. It is an amazing book, always keeping you on the edge of your seat. I loved it and would rate it ten out of ten. I hope Frank Cottrell Boyce writes more books soon!*

**Bethan Scarr, age 14**

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**Alexander Bisland, age 9**

***This book is about a boy who turns green.** His name is Rory Rooney. There is a bully in his class named Tommy-Lee Komissky and he has a nut allergy. One day, when he saw a wagon wheel in Rory's lunchbox he ate it! Then he stopped breathing and turned green! This is a story where two enemies become two friends and help each other to save Christmas.*

*But...*

*Can they save Christmas?*

*Does the green illness spread?*

*Do they die?*

*Read the book to find out!*

*The moral of this story is "The thing that makes you different, is the thing that makes you astounding!"*

***I like this book because it was exciting and I wanted to read on.***

*At the beginning I found it difficult to understand what was going on but I soon got into the story and wanted to continue reading it.*

*I recommend this book to 10+ adventure readers.*

*I give it 9/10.*

**Harry, age 9**

***I liked the idea of someone suddenly turning green and how they would live with this. Would definitely appeal to people who like superheroes or comic books!***

*I quite liked this book and although it took me a long time to read, it kept me entertained. I really like superheroes and so when Rory turned green and got taken to a special hospital, he kept thinking he might be a superhero.*

*I didn't like the way the start of the book was organised as it kept jumping backwards and forwards in time which confused me but the short chapters made it easy to read and there were always twists and turns in the plot.*

*I would award the book 7 stars out of 10.*

**Jordon Poet, age 11**

***I think this book cover is good because it tells you about someone who turns green and it's saying it's not easy being green!***

*My favourite character is Tommy Lee because when he turns green everybody made a joke about him and he got really mad. But there was one thing that kept him going his friend Rory Rooney they both had a hard time but they pulled through. I personally think this book is aimed at 6 to 12 years old.*

**Mia Goodman, age 8**

***I really enjoyed Broccoli Boy and I found it very funny. It was definitely a lot better than eating broccoli!***

*I enjoyed it from start to finish. I especially enjoyed it when Tommy-Lee and Rory, 2 worst enemies became friends. I would recommend it to girls and boys aged 7 plus, however there were some difficult words. All of it was very funny. It is the first book I have read by this author and I would like to read more.*