

Lovereading Reader reviews of The Beneath by S.C. Ransom

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading members.

Destiny Maraj, age 13

'The Beneath' was a fantastic novel, had a great pace and used some really good pathetic fallacy. I really loved reading this book! It had a great plot, with very interesting twists and turns. I loved all the description of the underground tunnels, especially the crop and how they were perceived as vicious and dangerous! I thoroughly enjoyed reading this novel and would happily recommend it to all my friends and family!

Aimee Sweet, age 13

Lily lives with her Nan. She has no friends. Her family is thousands of miles away. All she wants is for someone to be there for her. But when Lily saves Aria from getting crushed by a train, she didn't realise what she's getting into. Little did she know that Aria is part of something out of this world, and by talking to her she is risking her life. Little did she know that a whole community lives right under her nose. Little did she know that the community needs her help before everything spirals out of control.

This fantastic story hooked me in on the first page- I couldn't stop reading until I finished it a day later! *The story line is very original and thought-provoking; I love books that make me think, and S. C. Ransom has done just that. There aren't very many characters, but those that are there, are very likeable and realistic. I especially like Will and his dog, Foggy. I also liked the main character, Lily; her heroic personality keeps the book going. The book is extremely fast paced, although the pace did get a little slow around the end.*



One of my favourite scenes is when Aria and Lily are being chased by the mysterious Crop- sometimes I skip words in other books but in this scene I was gripped and read every single word.

Boys and girls of an age range of 12-15 would like this great book, and the publisher is Nosy Crow. I give this book a five stars.

<https://thesweetreview.wordpress.com/2015/02/22/the-beneath-by-s-c-ransom/>

Emma Hughes

'The Beneath' is a brilliant book that grips you from start to finish. It takes you through a touching story with many twists, and leaves you wishing for more. I love 'The Beneath', and would definitely recommend it to anyone looking for a good read.

Edel Waugh

This is the story about a teenager called Lily who by chance comes across a girl called Aria and saves her life in a tube station in London. Aria is not your typical girl and as Lily quickly learns, there is a lot more to her than meets the eye. Aria lives in a closed secret community underneath London in the tunnels that most people have forgotten about. Aria and the other members of her community are governed by a much feared man called The Farmer and The Crop. This is Aria's first time above ground and has much to learn and Lily is about to be blown away with what she is told about where Aria comes from.

*This book was **amazing!** The world building was believable and heart wrenching, the unnecessary cruelty below ground and the power of the The Farmer made the story hard to put down as I had to find out what was to become of these characters. **I started this book and never stopped until I was finished. The story does not slow down for a minute making it a pure adrenaline ride!** My favourite characters were Aria, Lily and her nan, so brave!*

<http://www.edelwaugh.blogspot.com>

Sophia Ufton

Wow, this book was unputdownable! I started reading quite early about 8.00am and couldn't stop by 4.00pm I was done! Wow!!

Lily who lives above ground as just saved Aria's life who lives below ground. Aria takes Lily underground in some tunnels but finds out they are being followed by a slippery smelly creature. They manage to escape just as the beast bangs into the door. Aria lives underground in her community, she as never been on the 'surface' before and everything is strange and scary.

Will Aria find her way home?

Will Lily be safe with Aria? Or will Aria's true colours come out?

Will they both end up friends?

Will Lily ever be free from Jenny bullying her?

Read and find out!

Poppy, age 16

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