

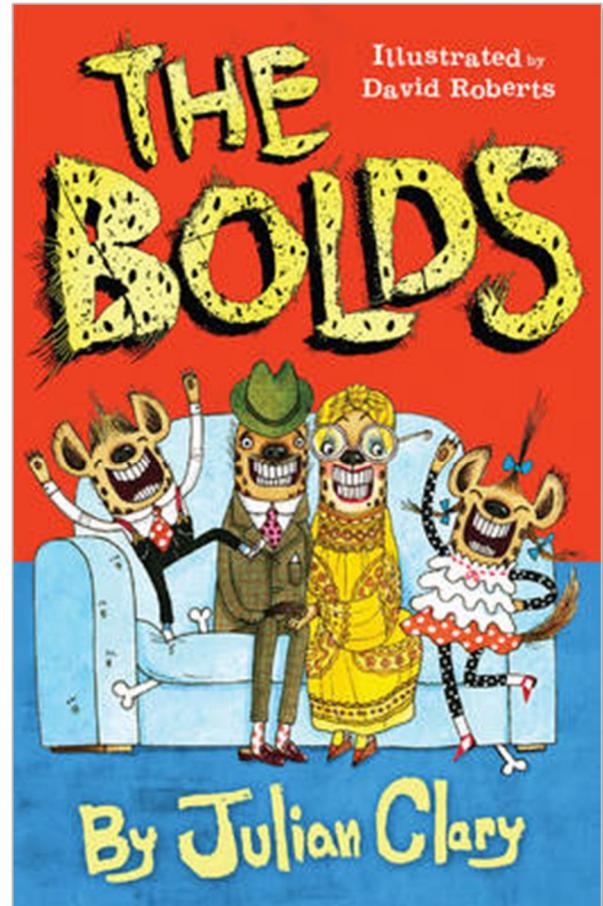
LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of
The Bolds by Julian Clary
Illustrated by David Roberts

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Mia Goodman, age 8

I really enjoyed 'The Bolds', it was a very funny book full of jokes. Most of the jokes made me laugh, however, I didn't laugh at all of them as I didn't understand them all.

Two hyenas dress up as two people. No one knows they are hyenas. When they have children (Bobby and Betty) and they go to school, they find a friend called Millie. As they are hyenas they must keep their tails tucked into their clothes, although when Millie sees Betty's tail in the garden, things go wrong. This is because their next door neighbour starts to get suspicious about if The Bolds actually are people or if they are something else. Altogether I really enjoyed this book and found it fun to read. I would recommend this book to ages 6-10 as it was super easy to understand.



Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 10

Such a funny book. Absolutely loved it and couldn't stop laughing. The Bolds are a family of Hyenas who are trying to blend in with humans and hope that nobody notices!

This book is really funny. Imagine living next door to a family with fur who are trying to blend in with humans and hope nobody notices! Such a brilliant story,

I couldn't put it down. The illustrations are some of the best I have ever seen and I loved the dark pages which were set during night time. My favourite character was Bobby as he was really cheeky. I would recommend this book to boys and girls age 7 upwards.

Matthew Wilson, age 7

This story is BRILLIANT!

This book is really funny. It's about hyenas who come to England and pretend they're human. They have this grumpy neighbour called Mr McNumpty, he isn't very friendly. Fred tells lots of jokes, because he works at a cracker factory. I really like the pictures of Miranda the marmoset because she's really cute like my little sister.

The only thing I don't like about this book is the title. I think it should be something about hyenas.

I'd give it a 5 star rating.

Sophie Moore, age 9

I read 'The Bolds' by Julian Clary which I really enjoyed, it was funny because the Bolds were hyenas pretending to look like humans.

It was very easy to follow. Also it was a good story to read.

There was a bear called Mr McNumpty who was spying on the hyenas because he didn't like them. But then, after the Hyenas did a good deed by saving Mr McNumpty from the nasty people, they became friends and I thought it was very a good ending.

I really want to read some more books by the author Julian Clary, he writes good books for children.

Susan Wilsher

How could hyenas pass themselves off as humans? How could they manage to make their way from the plains of Africa to Teddington? Sounds impossible? Well, all is explained in this comical story.

*From start to finish, the book is very appealing. **Full of quirky illustrations***

that become part of the text, different fonts to add to the plot and pages that are dark to indicate night or being underground, the chapters are easily achievable and satisfying sections of the story.

Mr and Mrs Bold and their children (or pups?), Bobby and Betty, are likable characters who form a loving- if different- family. Mr Bold writes jokes for Christmas crackers and Mrs Bold crafts unusual hats while the children hide their tails and try not to be too funny at school!

Although amusing, there is a warm-hearted side to this book. Valuing and understanding others, accepting differences, being a good friend are all themes running through the story and make it much more than a 'funny' book. You also learn quite a lot about hyenas..!

Stephanie Chaplin, age 9

'The Bolds' is a peculiar story about hyenas becoming humans. Even though it is weird it is still funny, never not laughable, a little sad and 100% true. The Bolds is not quite 'the Bolds', well they are hyenas. Two hyenas see the Bolds being a crocodile's lunch, they left clothes, passports, aeroplane tickets, keys and more. The two hyenas, whom was named Spot and Sue, dressed as Fred and Amelia Bold and started a new life in England far from Africa where they came from. Amelia and Fred had two twin pups called Bobby and Betty. They all lived a happy life until they heard a hyena called Tony was going to be put to sleep. What would the Bolds do? Will they do anything? And will anyone get put to sleep? Read 'The Bolds' to find out for yourself.

My favourite part was when the Bolds (the human ones) stripped and became a crocodile's lunch. *My favourite character is Miranda because she is funny. I recommend this book for age 7+ as it wasn't that hard to read. **I loved this book** and I was glad I read it. I read it on my own and because it was so good I read it in one day.*

Rodrigo Davies, age 8

*I really liked this book. It was very entertaining and exciting, with lots of twists and turns. It was also very funny. **I was reading it at night and it kept leaving me hanging because I had to go to sleep! Lots of cliff-hangers! I really liked the fun ending as well.** I would strongly recommend kids read it!*

Hermione Chaytors, age 6

Perfection in a book!

'This book was so funny I laughed all the way through it. It was also shocking especially when I found out what Mr McNumpty really was.... The bolds are all hyenas in clothes and the way they live is just silly but so funny! I loved this book so much and I want to read more by the author. Please write lots more books Mr Clary.'

Clair Chaytors (Hermione's mum)

*I cannot fault this book. **My six year old daughter thought The Bold family were hilarious and she was in stiches throughout.** She also had to keep following me around the house to read out some of the funnier parts! **Watch out David Walliams, you have serious competition!** I really do hope that Julian has plans for a lot more books because he will become a firm favourite on many children's bookshelves!*

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Jennifer Wood, age 7

This hilarious book, packed full of jokes, about a family of hyenas had me laughing out loud.

This book is about a family of hyenas who take the place of a human family, and come to live in England. My favourite character is Betty Bold, she is the daughter. She likes to dress up in funny outfits. This is a very good story, and the surprising twist about Mr McNumpty definitely shocked me. That was my favourite part of the story. This story made me chuckle, there are loads of jokes in it. I think this book is perfect for people who like to laugh - boys or girls.

Lauren, age 9

'The Bolds' is an extremely funny, in fact hilarious, book about two hyenas who decides to move to England to live as humans. Unfortunately, human life is not all easy when you have to cover up and remember to walk on two legs.

When they go to the zoo and meets all their old friends, things become out of hand...

I laughed out loud at home reading this book and mum thought I was crying! The pictures are just brilliant, Mr Bold's jokes are so bad! Both children and adults will crack up reading this one, it's a 'must read' this summer!

Georgie Docwra, age 10

I loved this book so much that I read it in one day!!

This story is about a family of hyenas that escape from a zoo and pretend to be humans!

My favourite part of the book is at the start when the hyenas escape from the zoo. I loved the character Miranda as she is very cheeky and full of mischief.

It is a great plot which is very clever, full of excitement and adventure.

The illustrations are fabulous, I loved the front cover, and it made me really want to read the book.

It is a very, very hilarious book and I kept reading funny sections out to my family!

Ruby Widdas, age 8

Amazing! That's how I'd describe this book. A story about a family who are not quite as they seem guaranteed to make you laugh your pants your off.

With a shocking twist, buy this book you won't be disappointed!

Alexander Bisland age 10 & Daniel Bisland age 8

The Daniel Mail – A fantastically funny new book by Julian Clary.

The Alexander Times – A hilarious book – even the book laughs with you!

The book is about 2 ordinary hyenas called Spot and Sue that live with their pack in Africa. One day Amelia and Fred Bold arrive in Africa and change the 2 hyenas' lives forever by giving the hyenas a new identity and making them the new Mr and Mrs Bold (we won't tell you how this happens!!!!).

The new Mr and Mrs Bold find themselves in an ordinary house in Teddington, living next door to Mr McNumpty (AKA Mr McGrumpy). After a while of living in Teddington, Mr and Mrs Bold give birth to twins – Bobbie and Betty and

have to teach them how to be humans. This isn't easy as hyenas have a long, bushy tail, a black smooth nose and a loud cackling laugh....

- Will the hyenas' secret be found out or do they discover a secret of their own?*
- Does Mr McNumpty stay as Mr McGrumpy?*

We loved the book because it was funny, exhilarating and we couldn't stop laughing. We would love to read a second book in this series. We recommend it to 8+ or 7+ if reading with a parent. We also love the illustrations.

Toby Pickering, age 8

This book is very funny and addictive. I really enjoyed reading it. The story was exciting and I loved the jokes that were mixed in throughout the book.

I really enjoyed reading 'The Bolds'. It is about a mysterious, unusual family who travel from Africa and move in to a normal house in a street which seems normal too. They are hilarious and entertaining, even when they don't want to be and like having lots of fun. They have a few problems fitting in with certain other people but are loyal to their friends. The children make a quick friendship with Minnie but aren't such good friends with their neighbour. After a couple of heroic rescues life is very different and more settled. I don't want to give away any of the many secrets and surprises this book has to offer but I would highly recommend you read and enjoy it soon! I'm waiting for book two - what on Earth could happen next? 10 out of 10

Cameron Lobban, age 10

Funny and silly with a great plot to keep you gripped!

It is about some hyenas who pretend to be a normal human family and keep a low profile. Sometimes it is easy but it is hard to keep from hiding your obvious hyena laugh. Next door there is nosy parker who is always on the watch out. Can they keep their secret forever? Find out by reading this hilarious book. My favourite character was Mr Bold as he tells really funny jokes, so really this book is a story and joke book in one. I think boys and girls would like this and I think to really enjoy and understand it you should be 9+ I would recommend this to all my friends and hope there are more Bold books to come.

Rachel Galbraith, age 10

The Bolds is the most hairy book I've read in years!

The Bolds is a great book for younger readers. The Bolds is about a small family with a big secret, how long can the Bolds keep this secret hidden? All it will take is one person to let slip. One of my favourite parts is when Mr McNumty catches Mr Bold marking his territory on a tree.

I would rate this book 7/10.