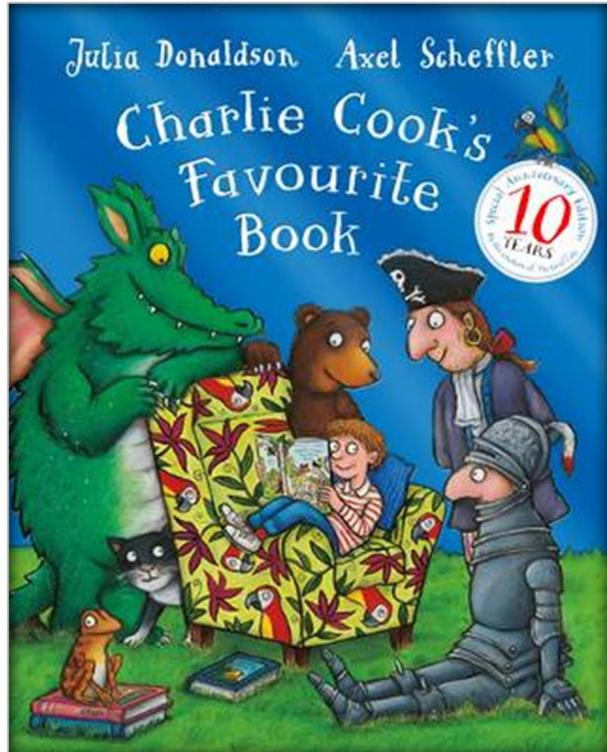


# LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Charlie Cook's Favourite Book By Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler

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

## **Rebecca Urquhart, age 5 and her mum Alison**

*This was a Julia Donaldson/Alex Shefler book we had not read before. I asked Becca what she had liked about the book and she said "the colourful pictures are very neat and don't go out of the lines!" I think she meant that she liked the colourful illustrations that change each page into a different book as the story progresses. Like most Donaldson books it is rhyming with an easy flow (although I didn't think it flowed as well as some others) with an entertaining circular story of different*



*characters reading about each other in their respective books. Becca liked that it reference some tradition tales including Goldilocks which she has been learning about in school. I asked her to complete the following sentence "**I think this book is good because.....**" and she said "**it is funny and has lots of different stories in it.**"*

## **Huxley Glen, age 4**

***This was a very good book, really colourful illustrations which really brought the story to life.***

*This was a very good book and with a good easy story to follow, I liked the way the story contained the different characters reading a number of different stories all in the same book. The illustrations were really colourful and brought*

*the book to life. This was a very good book which celebrates the 10th anniversary. I would recommend this to all ages.*

**Darcey Mcilroy, age 7**

***This book is a fantastic book which made me laugh. I loved looking at all the pictures and finding the little characters with my mummy.***

*The book is about a little boy called Charlie Cook who loved to read. He reads about pirates who find treasure and about Knights and Dragons. All the characters love to read too. The pictures are brilliant and I found lots of clues about the stories in them. This is a great book to read with my mummy.*

**Zara Kemal, age 8**

**Kelvin Grove Primary School**

***Charlie Cook's Favourite Book is a fairytale full of pirates, knights and dragons! I would recommend the book to other children who like fairytales and adventure.***

*Charlie Cook's Favourite Book is set in lots of different places such as on an island, in a cottage, in a library and other places.*

*I liked the book because it had lots of fun and funny stories inside. When Charlie Cook reads his favourite book then the characters in the book keep on reading their own favourite book!*

*My favourite character was the dragon because he wanted to kill the knight but he doesn't want to kill him now. I thought it was funny! The dragon is big and green with pointed ears, sharp teeth and wings. He behaved good and bad for different reasons. I didn't like that he wanted to kill the knight because he was a nice person.*

*I really liked the pictures. It was a good book.*

*I would recommend the book to other children who like fairytales and adventure.*

*I give this book 5 stars out of 5!*

**Liam Hill, age 5**

***Crocodiles, Pirates, frogs and aliens. they are all my favourite.... I***

**love the ginormous cake and the spaceman who gets a slice of the cake. Everything rhymes!**

*It was funny when the ghost took her head off, it made me laugh. I also like the greedy crocodile and the frog making a joke in the library. I would like a ginormous cake and be the spaceman that gets to eat a slice of it in space, that would be so cool.*

*I liked all the different stories in one book, because I did not know what would happen next.*

*All my favourite characters are in the book, from pirates to a spaceman.*

**Finley McMaster, age 3**

*Thank you for our copy, both **Finley and I have thoroughly enjoyed it, we have read it every night since it was received** - which is always a good indication from a three year old. The illustrations are of course fabulous, and as Fin is a fan of other Julia & Axel books he has quickly recognised similarities. I like the way traditional stories have been bought in alongside more modern themes. Yet again a book that will appeal to anyone, and all ages. This partnership never fails to deliver. A book that encourages reading should always be given high praise as sometimes reading is not highlighted enough as a pasttime that is open to all, regardless of interests or who you are and clearly from the many different characters in this book anyone can enjoy a book, any time, any place, any where - lets do more to encourage this.*

**Robyn Chorley, age 6**

***Robyn loved this book especially the way each book was within another book right the way to the end. "It did make my mind go a bit bonkers trying to follow it!" In a good way.***

*Another fabulous book from the home of the Gruffalo. Wonderful story wonderfully told with equally wonderful illustrations. A future classic.*

**Ellen Hall, age 5**

***I love this book because all of the tales are really good. I especially like the ghost story.***

*This book is about Charlie Cook. He reads lots of books and the story takes you*

*to each of the books . The story rhymes which makes the story very good and easy to read. The pictures are brilliant and this ten year edition reveals some secrets about how the pictures changed over time.*

**Monty Benton, age 6**

***This book is fantastic and very clever. Each page leads to another story!***

*I love the anniversary book because at the start the author tells you why she wrote the book and how she got her ideas. The illustrator also shows you his sketches. The pictures are amazing and I like finding all the characters from all of the books on the last page. I think it's good that it rhymes. My favourite part is the girl who saw a flying saucer with the cheeky aliens. My mum and sister love it too so it's not just children who love it.*

**Annabelle Cassidy, age 6**

*I really liked all of this story, especially the lovely pictures.*

*Wow, look at the shiny cover. This was the first thing that I noticed about this book.*

*I enjoyed the story because I really liked the way that in all of the pictures you can find all of the other people in the book, this made it funny.*

*I liked the frog bit best because instead of ribbit ribbit ribbit the frog says reddit reddit, this made me laugh.*

*As a Mum I loved this book, particularly the small extra details such as the information panels, and the illustrations. It is a fantastic book to snuggle up and read together. Having got to the end of the story my daughter wanted to go back to the beginning and read it over and over again as it goes in a loop. **It is hard to believe it is a 10 year old story, it seems as fresh as any modern day fairy story that we read.***

**Jamie Simmons, age 4**

***An amusing rhyming short story which took our imaginations wandering...***

*Reading this with a 4 year old opened up the possibility of people in other fantasy lands reading about other people in fantasy lands.*

*It provoked some interesting discussion afterwards and raised the question 'what if someone is reading about us?!'*

*We love the sing-song way the rhymes are written. This is another useful tool for making up our own stories and songs together.*

*A lovely quick bedtime read. Thank you.*

**Emma Johnson, age 5**

*Wonderful to have a new copy of one of our much loved and favourite books!*

*Our old copy of this is rather worn out and battered and Emma didn't remember having it read to her as a little girl.*

*She loved the rhyming story and all the funny picture, she loved to try and work out what was going to happen next.*

*This has been a firm family favourite with her bigger sister and brother so it was wonderful to have a new copy of one of our much loved and favourite books!*

**Heidi Agnew, age 6**

*I enjoyed this book and I think other people would too, because it is a fun exciting story. It is a story within a story which means a story inside another story which makes it enjoyable. **I read it to my brother who is 2 years old. He liked the dragon on the front cover.** Mummy tried to read it to him but she thought it was a bit too clever involving too many stories for easy understanding. I read it from cover to cover though.*

**Matthew Wilson, age 7**

***A book in a book in a book in a book...***

*Matthew loved the concept of the characters reading their favourite books and turning over to see the characters in that book reading their favourite book in turn. He loved the illustrations, and spent a long time looking at all the details. He loved the page where you can see all the spines of the book on the shelf.*

*This is a wonderful book to share and read aloud-absolutely perfect for bedtime reading.*

*This edition has a beautiful shimmering metallic-like quality cover, giving it a*

*really special look and feel.*

*Let's face it, could Julian Donaldson and Axel Scheffler ever do anything wrong?!*

*It's a great book for older children 6/7/8 too as they will appreciate the references in the illustrations more than younger children.*

*Lovely book!*