

# LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Concentr8 by William Sutcliffe

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

**Hamaira Kauser, age 17**

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*The character voice is just absolutely amazing. Loved it to bits. It takes a talented author to master a strong character voice and go against grammar and use slang in its best form. Each point of view is so distinct and special- you connect with each character- some more than others. I especially love the way Troy talks and gets his thought across.*

*I like how this book is truthful- each chapter begins with a source of information in regards to Ritalin/Concentr8. It doesn't glamorize mental health either. It just builds the awareness even more- even got me to do a bit of researched, that's how intrigued I was.*

*It tackles the issue of handling prescription drugs to children and whether or not they really need it. It really make you question the system.*

*I've never read any other material written by William Sutcliffe but it's high time I did because this man is a genius and can work wonders with words.*



**Edel Waugh**

***This was a very interesting look into ADHD and the medications of***

***those who were diagnosed with it , although a fictional story it was interesting to see the history of how the medication came about and how it was decided who was a suitable candidate to take it.***

*Concentr8 is set in London in modern day. The story begins with us being introduced to a motley crew of teenagers who have very recently had their medications stopped. They are a gang of friends who no longer kept relaxed by medication are about to get themselves into plenty of trouble led by gang leader Blaze. When they kidnap a lowly worker who happens to work at the mayor's office he provides the perfect bargaining tool to draw attention to all this medication these kids had been on being suddenly taken away from them causing riots and general unease. A journalist hungry for this story is happy to meet Blaze to discuss this sensational story but he has some requests first!*

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

### **Sophia Ufton**

***Wow, I really was looking forward to reading this book and didn't disappoint. It's the most thrilling (as in exciting, not scary) book I've read in a long time.***

*Troy is explaining how things have got bad, once the drug concentr8 was stopped for people with ADHD. There are 6 main people in the story, they are Troy, Femi, Karen, Lee, Blaze and Jay. They all have their side to tell and what does a hostage have to do with it. Read and you will find out.*

### **Emma Hughes**

***I was disappointed with this book, which was a shame because it looked interesting.***

*The blurb of this book interested me, as it seemed to have an intriguing plot. However, I found the book very difficult to get into, as the voice of the teenage boy called Troy was over-exaggerated, and didn't flow.*

### **Delilah Acworth**

***Concentr8 was an avid amalgamation of youthful naivety and the danger of exploiting youthful naivety. A recommendation for those with the patience for detailed thinking and contemplation.***

**Lola Bridgeman, age 18**

***London society breaks down as funding for controversial ADHD controlling drug, Concentra8, is withdrawn. This dystopian-esque novel deals with the consequences.***

*In the latest novel by William Sutcliffe, a gang of 'yoofs' kidnap the Mayor (a thinly disguised BoJo), riding the crest of a riotous wave of lawlessness. Personally, I found the attitude towards ADHD and the gang culture stereotypical and uninvolved (maybe this was the point?) The multiple narratives made the book short, for which I was thankful, but allowed for little character development. It comes across as a moral polemic, a 'what if?' exposition but did not really have the gravitas it proclaims. It did nothing really to address the issue of control, merely say the whole 'drugs are bad' spiel. Those who like William Sutcliffe's other books will hopefully enjoy his latest work.*