

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Dara Palmer's Major Drama by Emma Shevah

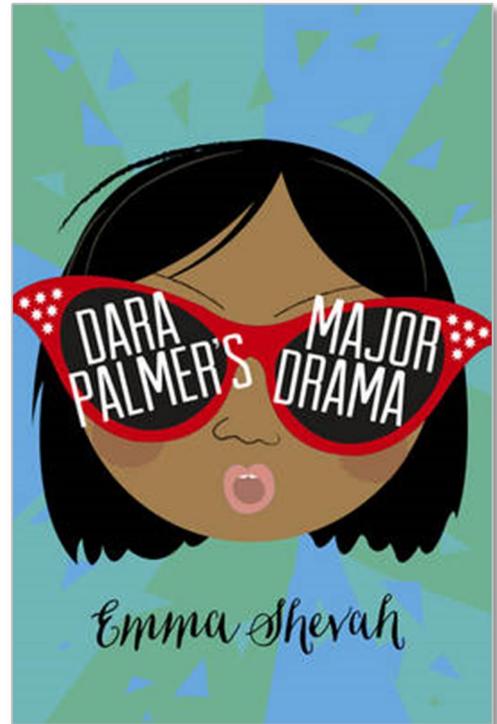
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Rachel Zinkin, age 8**

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**Nicola Laverty**

**Baring Primary School**

***It is dramatic, thought-provoking, comical and unpredictable.***

*We really liked the style of this book – like a diary, written in the first person. We found it to be slow to start but it improves as you read on, so worth persevering.*

**Beth Urquhart, age 8**

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**Marli Jones, age 11**

*A great book. I recommend this book to girls age 8-12.*

*If you like drama/acting, adoption, friendships and school this is the book for you. So **join Dara in her world of drama and acting because this is a great book. I recommend this book to girls age 8-12.***

**Otis Walker, age 9**

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*Dara was adopted as a baby from Cambodia. Her dream was to be a Hollywood actress but when she did not get a part in the school play her dreams sank. She started to think it was because she did not look like everyone else. But will she get a part in the play? Read this amazing book to find out!*

*This is a funny book for girls who like cheesy dramas. BUT being a boy who hates girl stuff I still really enjoyed reading this book, there was an annoying use of words like huuggghhtttt and woo and ucht. Apart from that it was a great read for me and I enjoyed it front to back.*

**Carmen Rey-Jones, age 10**

*I have really enjoyed reading this book and would highly recommend it. I think it's more of a girl's book than boys. This book is in my top 5 best books.*

*Meet Dara; she was adopted by the Palmers when she was little. She is a born actress in her world. As auditions are coming up for her school play, Dara is really excited, but when she doesn't get a part, she has second thoughts about*

*acting. She gets really worried because she thinks she's rubbish at acting. So she asks Miss Snarling (Miss Snelling) if it's because she doesn't look like anyone else. But Miss Snarling says to go to her acting classes and she might get a part in the next play, so she does. During the holidays, her friend, Vana, (also adopted) is going to Cambodia. So Dara asks Vanna to collect information about the orphanage she had lived in. Going to acting classes had turned out to be great and Dara got her dream and more. But you'll have to read the book to find out.*

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**Evie Aconley, age 8**

***I loved this book and I will remember the story for a very long time.***

*Each chapter finished with a good ending which I really enjoyed and the end of the book was fantastic. I highly recommend this book and it would be great to see more stories about Dara Palmer and the major dramas she seems to attract.*

**Ella Hewitt, age 12**

***This is a book based on determination and it shows if you work hard enough you can achieve your dream, whatever your background.***

*I really enjoyed this book because it shows the real dreams and life of an adopted child from another country. I like the way Dara realises that her way of acting wasn't the way her heroes acted. I think this book is suitable for girls aged between 10 and 13 because of some of the complex language. I think this is a great start to a possible series.*

**Shannon McCluskey, age 13**

**St Colm's High School**

*This is a wonderful story about a teenager who was adopted from Cambodia. She now lives in England with her adoptive parents, sister and brother.*

*Her biggest dream is to become an actress and it is now her time to shine when the school play auditions begin.*

*Her worst nightmare strikes when she does not get the lead role, in fact she is not even offered a part.*

*Will Dara Palmer's dream ever come true? Will she ever live in Hollywood and be a world famous actress? Or will she return to Cambodia to find her blood family?*

***This is a fantastic book, I loved reading it. I would recommend it to age 11+***

**Isabelle Woodley, age 9**

*I enjoyed how the book was set out. It's a very good book for people with no emotion because it's full of it! **There are parts that nearly made me cry. It felt good to read such an emotional book. I give this book 10/10 for all the joy and emotion.** I have recommended it to my friends.*

**Cora Willans**

***I think this book is quite emotional***

*I really liked this book and would read it again. My favourite character was Dara because she learns that acting is a lot more than just making different faces. I think this is a quite emotional because Dara has to choose between going back to Cambodia and looking at the orphanage she was brought up in or stay with her new family and know nothing about her old family. I would recommend this book to girls 7-10. I would give this book 9/10.*