

## LoveReading Reader reviews of The Farm Beneath the Water by Helen Peters

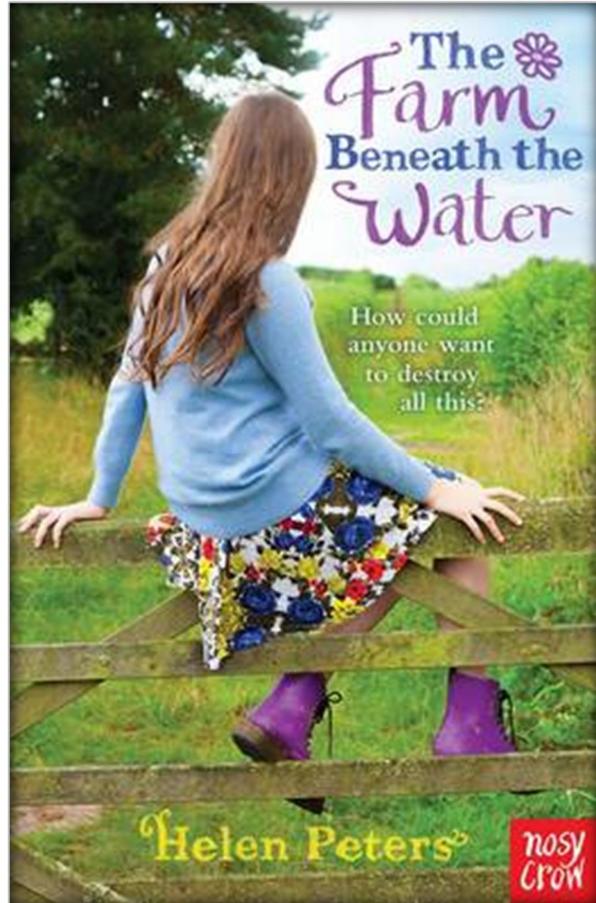
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

**Dulcie Johnson, age 11**

***I loved the secret hen house theatre and I was so excited when I heard there was a sequel- not as good as the other one but it was really good.***

*I loved Hannah and her friend and their story. I really related to the characters. I love doing plays and so the fact they do a play is brilliant for me. I was a bit disappointed by the storyline. That they had to save the farm again felt a bit too similar. But the writing and characters made up for this as they were realistic and heartwarming.*

*I would be excited to read the next book in the series but maybe she would not be trying to save her farm this time.*



**Peace, age 9 - Baring Primary School**

***I was astonished by 'The Farm Beneath the Water.' It was amazing!***

*It gave me a taste of life as a modern day farmer's daughter. Being a farmer's daughter has its ups and downs, but it also has adventure.*

***I enjoyed this book so much that I didn't want it to end. It's a wonderful tale.***

**Rachel Galbraith, age 10**

***Will lure the most reluctant reader - 10/10***

*'The Farm Beneath the Water isn't the usual book I would choose to read, but I'm really glad I did.*

*It is about how a small girl can make a big difference. Hannah's farm is going to be flooded and turned into a reservoir but Hannah makes a play in an attempt to stop the plans going ahead.*

*As Hannah's farm is so full of rare species and has great archeology fields Hannah needs to put on a play to prove Nick Constable (the man in charge of the farms destruction) is a liar.*

*I really enjoyed this book when Nick Constable was embarrassed up on stage in front of many locals.*

*I read this book in just a few days as I couldn't wait to see what happened next.*

***A superb book that should be read by everyone.***

**Ella Day**

*This story teaches readers about the importance of community and working together as a team. **It has been beautifully written and I loved the images it created in my imagination.** It has a moral to tell - Can a big company win over a small farm?*

*I will definitely read the first book in this series and hope there are more to come! I recommend this book to 11 - 13 year olds.*

**Maya Watson, age 8**

***This is a very tense and exciting story. I really didn't know what was going to happen next...I really enjoyed it!***

*This book tells the story of a girl named Hannah and her friends. They are trying to save Hannah and her dad's farm from being turned into a reservoir by the water company. Hannah, Lottie and Jack use her school play to campaign against the reservoir. Hannah is the director of Romeo & Juliet in a school competition and uses this to argue against the man from the water company. My favourite character was Lottie because she was a good designer and a loyal friend.*

**Hannah Baer, age 11**

***I loved this book because it was very good because it was exciting and it was set on a farm.*** Also, one of the characters is called Hannah, my name. I also liked this book because it was different to the book genres I normally read- fantasy and sci-fi. The book also told you a lesson- never give up for something you really want to save. Out of 10, I would give this book 8/10.

**Adiella Norridge, age 11**

***With the pressure of putting on a school play and her home being destroyed for ever, will this be too much for Hannah?***

*Hannah is concerned by her father's increasingly secretive behaviour. She suspects he is hiding bad news from her, but it turns out to be worse than she could have ever imagined. Hannah's farm is going to be flooded by a water company to make a reservoir and the whole village seem to be supportive of the plan.*

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*The book has a lot of very strong characters, especially the 'villains'; this got you really rooting for Hannah. While this is a sequel to The Secret Hen House Theatre, it isn't necessary to have read that first novel, and references to events in that book are well explained in this one, enabling the book to stand alone.*

*This novel has a strong beginning, but later on my interest was lost a bit. In the middle of the book the various strands of the plot became too random/diverse. However, the ending was again strong, and very gripping. The plan to save the farm was never known to the reader until it unfolded so your attention was always held.*

**Sidney Greenslade, age 11**

***'The Farm Beneath the Water' is a gentle, touching yet exciting story of a girl fighting to save the land she loves.***

*'The Farm Beneath the Water' is an exciting and moving story about Hannah, an ordinary girl who lives on an amazing farm with her dad, sisters Jo and Martha and her little brother Sam.*

*Hannah simply wants to concentrate on rehearsing for her school play – Romeo and Juliet – but her father is acting very oddly. He keeps asking young and old*

women to their house for tea. He has never done this before and for a while Hannah and her siblings suspect the worst, that their father is in love, but there are so many of them visiting and they are all too young or too old! When their dad tells them why he has been having so many visitors, the truth is a million times worse! A water company, Aqua, want to flood their farmland to turn it into a reservoir. Hannah knows she must fight to save the farm but will she manage it? Or will it be lost beneath the cold black water, never to be seen again?

'The Farm Beneath the Water' is a very touching story with a very involving plot that made me want to read it all in one sitting to find out what happened to the farm! The setting was described beautifully and the author wove the plot so cleverly it was a joy to read.

I loved it.

**Isabel Kardos-Stowe, age 11**

**I would rate this book 8/10 and would highly recommend it. A very good read for children above the age of 8.**

'The Farm Beneath The Water' is about Hannah a schoolgirl. When Aqua, a water company, proposes to build a new reservoir on her beloved farm, Hannah does everything she can to stop them. All she really wants to do is concentrate on her school production in which she has been given the responsibility of directing. Will Aqua succeed? Who is the strange lady at her farm? Will her farm be lost forever?

I really enjoyed this book as it was very engaging. I felt like I really got to know the characters and they were very real. My favourite character was Jack, a boy at Hannah's school. He means well although sometimes he can make mistakes. He is also quite funny. This book also made me feel different emotions like anger at Nick Constable who is working for Aqua. I think that this book is suitable for anyone 8 and above. Out of 10, I would rate this book 8. A very good read that I would highly recommend. I would also recommend the previous book "The Secret Hen House Theatre" which I also enjoyed.

**Cajsa Jonsson, age 9**

**If you love drama, this is great. I'd give this book 9/10. It's a bit of a slow start if you've read the previous book but worth sticking with it!**

*An amazing take on what could happen in reality. I have read the first book about Hannah and her friend Lottie and **this book certainly lived up to the standard of the first one!** I loved the way that the children thought that their dad was doing something behind their backs but in truth something much worse is going on. The descriptions in this book are very detailed and the author cleverly used the theatre to overlap pretence and reality to achieve a certain goal. Being someone who loves acting and drama, I found it very easy to get into this book and I recommend this book and the one before it. I also look forward to there being a third one!*

**Cait Galbraith, age 8**

***I was really looking forward to reading 'The Farm Beneath the Water' because I had read the first book and really enjoyed it. The book is exciting and adventurous.***

*The book is about a girl called Hannah who lives on a farm with her dad and her sisters and one brother. Her mother had died so her father had to bring them up. Hannah is the director of a school play which takes up lots of her time and energy. A company called Aqua wants to build a reservoir on their farm which would mean they have to move from their farm but Hannah is not happy with this and tries to stop Aqua.*

*I like this book, and would recommend it to my friends.*

**Caitlyn, age 10**

***A must for any fans of Michael Morpurgo - a heart-warming story of friendship, family, bravery and ultimately fighting for what you think is right.***

*The blurb of this book just didn't do it justice - it took me ages to get this started but once I did I just couldn't put it down! Hannah is focused on her school play until she finds out that her home is potentially going to be destroyed and then has to fight to save it.*

*Hannah and her siblings are brilliant characters and very real - they have many of the same squabbles we do every day.*

*I really enjoyed the story and although I guessed the ending, it didn't make me like it any less. I'd really recommend this to anyone who likes Michael Morpurgo!*

**Chloe, age 11**

***I loved this book! It was an easy read about Hannah and her farm which is in danger of destruction. It was realistic and the storyline was easy to follow.***

*Hannah's farm faces a new problem. A water company wants to destroy her farm to build a reservoir. With the help of her best friend Lottie can she save the farm or will she lose it forever? I loved this book and wanted to turn the next page. This is a captivating book full of adventure. I would give it a 10/10 and recommend it to all my friends.*

**Scarlett Haniffa, age 10**

***Helen Peters writes in a way that creates a picture in your head as you read.***

*The setting of this book is a farm, which is quiet and peaceful, Helen Peters describes this place very well as she grew up on an old-fashioned farm herself. The main characters are: Hannah, her dad (who's given no name), and Hannah's friend Lottie.*

*Hannah is directing a school play and is trying to focus on it but her dad is behaving very suspiciously. Hannah soon finds out that the farm is going to become a reservoir! Hannah is disgusted and she and Lottie do everything they can to stop Aqua (the development company) from flooding their beloved farm.*

*The things I like about this book are that it hooks you in as you read and the front cover is very eye-catching. I would recommend this book to anyone age 8+ because it is descriptive and Helen Peters writes in a way that creates a picture in your head as you read. I hope you will read this book too.*

**Lola Dicker, age 10**

***I thoroughly enjoyed this book and will definitely read more of Helen Peter's books.***

*This is a page turning book about a girl called Hannah who is confused about her Dad's recent strange behaviour. Hannah and her best friend Lottie were spying on her dad and a strange lady when they overheard what they said and it was worse than they could ever have imagined. The farm, where they live, is under threat but Hannah will not stand for it and will do anything to stop it, at the same time as she is rehearsing for her show!*

*Hannah is a great character as she is loyal and doesn't just stand up for herself but for others. If she was a real person I would definitely like her to be my friend.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I would definitely read more of Helen Peter's books. She is an amazing author! If you enjoy books that are at times serious and filled with action but are also very humorous, this is definitely a book for you. I loved it!*

### **Lucie Harrison**

***I really enjoyed *The Farm Beneath the Water* because Hannah is a very interesting character to read about. I felt very relieved when she and Lottie managed to prevent Clayhill Farm being turned into a reservoir!***

*The Farm Beneath the Water is an inspirational story where Hannah and Lottie have to work together to save Hannah's farm- again! This time the reservoir company, aqua, are determined to destroy the farm. But Hannah and her friends have to pull off something very special in order to outwit aqua - but will it be a success or will Clayhill Farm be no longer? I really enjoyed this book because Hannah is a very interesting character to read about. She is determined but willing to take a risk, and I was very happy when she and Lottie won over aqua!*

