

# LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Girl Online by Zoe Sugg

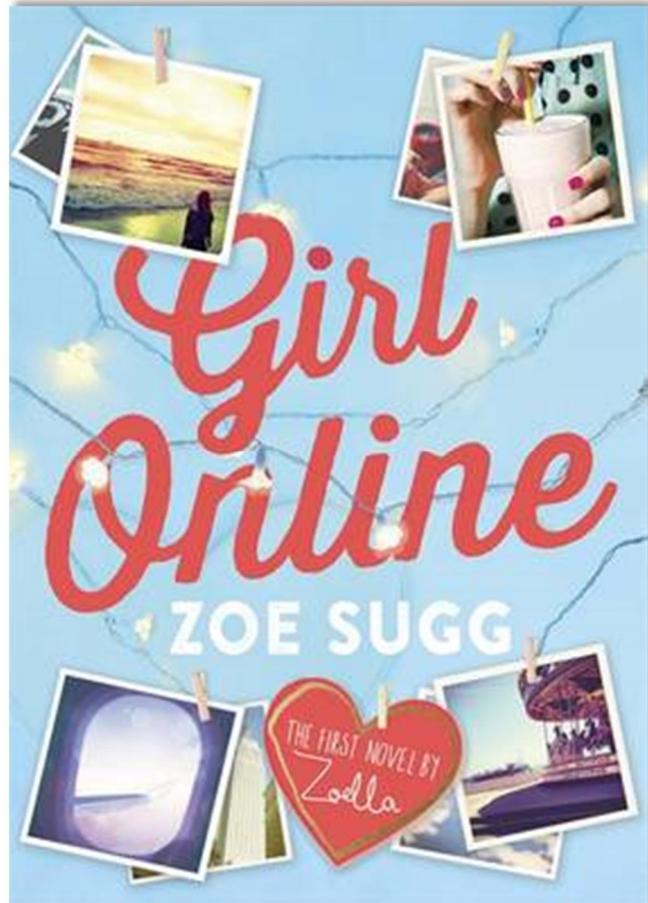
**Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.**

**Amie Coffman, age 10**

*I am a huge fan of Zoella keeping up-to-date with all her blogs and I felt really privileged to have had the chance to read and review her first book!*

*The book is great. It is about a girl, Penny and her best friend, Elliot, who are taken to New York by Penny's parents.*

*Penny is frightened of going and has to face up to her fears. In New York Penny meets Noah and falls in love with him, but Penny has a secret (that she is the author of the blog, Girl Online) which she keeps from Noah but doesn't know he is keeping a secret from her too! When Penny returns home there is a lot more to think about but you will have to read the book to find out more!*



***I found the story funny and exciting to read but a bit sad in places. I also loved the fact that in places the story resembled the author's real life. I would love to read more from Zoe Sugg so hope this is not her last novel!***

**Elle Cogan, age 11**

*'Girl Online' follows the story of Penny, an anonymous blogger. Under the name of Girl Online, she blogs about everything. Not much is going well...until Penny meets Noah.....*

*As an anonymous blogger, Penny blogs under the name Girl Online about her secrets, feelings, her panic attacks and her love life. After an embarrassing incident that tops all the previous ones at school, Penny's parents decide it's time for a break- in New York! Along with her best friend, Penny travels to New York for Christmas- where she meets Noah. They instantly become friends, and Noah even manages to help Penny with her panic attacks. Noah isn't telling Penny the whole truth- in fact he's hiding a secret so big that it could change her life forever.*

***I loved this book, and couldn't stop reading it once I started. A reality story about things that happen to every teenage girl- embarrassing moments and crushes- and meeting your perfect guy.***

*I think this is a perfect book for girls from 11-13, especially if you're a fan of Zoella. I loved this book, and I hope Zoella brings out more books!*

**Rebekah, age 12**

***This book is about a girl who goes online, starts a blog. she meets a boy of her dreams, Noah, but Noah has a secret too. Read this book if you have a crazy family too!***

*I really enjoyed this because it is a good book that is modern and quite a few people have started a blog themselves. This probably wouldn't happen to a normal person but there are some things that everyone can relate to. Penny has a good friend called Eliot, they go to New York for Christmas and Penny meets the boy of her dreams, Noah, they go on dates but Noah has a secret too! The ending was predictable but I still enjoyed it.*

**Isabel Kardos-Stowe, age 11**

***I really enjoyed this book and was sad when it ended. I think it's suitable for girls over the age of 11. I would rate it 10/10 and would highly recommend it.***

*'Girl Online' is about Penny Porter, a teenager from Brighton. Some extremely embarrassing things happen and Penny starts a blog to get her feelings out. She*

*keeps her blog anonymous and writes under the name Girl Online. When her family have to go to America to organise a wedding she isn't very enthusiastic. Penny is worried that she will have another panic attack. Her parents persuade her to go and they head off with Penny's best friend Elliot. Once in America, Penny meets Noah. A music loving dark haired boy. Before she realises it they are falling in love, but is Noah hiding something?*

*I really liked this book and was sad when it ended. I felt I really got to know the characters and all of them had strong characteristics. This made the book memorable. I hadn't heard of Zoe Sugg before, but I hope she writes more books. My favourite character was Elliot, Penny's best friend, because he has such a unique style and he can always bring a smile to Penny's face. This book made me keep turning the pages. I think this book is suitable for girls over the age of 11. I would rate Girl Online 10/10. I really enjoyed it and would highly recommend it.*

**Brooke, age 11**

***I really like it I couldn't stop reading it.***

*This book was amazing, it was a great story that was also true. When I heard that Zoella had written a story I was so excited to read it. This book is about Zoella's life and what she got up to. Its a great book because it shows you how Zoella became so popular and girls can follow in her footsteps when reading this book.*

**Jemma Rubens, age 11**

***Awesome Book!!!***

*This book is about a girl, named Penny, who has a passion for blogging. However, some stages of her life have led her to traumatic times and she now suffers from panic attacks. To make matters worse, her best friend has turned mean and her relationship is more than complicated with a boy called Ollie.*

*When her parents whisk her away to New York for a wedding they planned, Penny meets Noah, the caterer's son. The only thing troubling her amongst the romance, the magic and the mystery is all the attention that Noah is getting from strangers... why?*

*The thing I loved about Zoella's debut novel was the truth behind it: at every chapter I found myself wishing that it was fantasy. I can't put it into words how*

sorry I felt for Zoe Sugg, for whom I sometimes watch her videos. She seems like such a positive person and I just can't imagine how she could have lived like this.

Thanks for reading and I look forwards to reading your comments!

Girl online, going offline xx

### **Maddy Faulkner, age 12**

**The story line is fantastic.** It's about a teenage girl called Penny and her best friend, Elliot, who are taken to New York by Penny's parents after things at Penny's school get really bad. Penny is frightened of going as she suffers from anxiety and panic attacks and has to face up to her fears of flying. In New York Penny meets the gorgeous Noah and falls in love with him, but Penny has a secret (that she is the author of the popular blog, Girl Online) which she hides from Noah, however Noah has a secret too! When Penny returns home she finds out this shocking secret.

I am a huge fan of Zoe Sugg and I keep up to date with her blog and videos on YouTube - this is such an honour to be able to read and review this book.

**I can honestly say that this is one of the best books I have ever read, and I have read a lot of books** - from this genre and many others. I liked how it was still quite a girly fun easy read but with a dark side which has Penny suffering from anxiety and panic attack disorder, Penny and Noah being bullied on the online world, friendship problems and many other issues that a lot of teenagers all over the world have to deal with on a day to day basis. I liked this aspect because being a role model to millions and millions of teenagers puts Zoe in the spotlight constantly and she too struggles with anxiety and panic attack disorder and she constantly gets hate from people who are mostly jealous of her fame, money and wonderful personality. This makes this book so much more personal and I can't wait for the next book to be published.

### **Abeni Morris Heather (11) & Nabilah Yasmin (12) - Year 7s**

**[helen.swinyard@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:helen.swinyard@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk)**

**'Girl Online' is a brilliant book.**

It contains advice on how to deal with panic attacks, friends, crushes and much more. Penny (the main character) is presented as a warm, friendly person who you can relate to. Penny suffers from panic attacks which reflects on the author,

*Zoe's, life as she goes through the same situation. We think this helps her connect with the audience. 'Girl Online' will connect with thousands of teenage girls far and wide. Penny is far from perfect; she never knows what to say around boys and feels she's outgrowing one of her closest friends.*

*We would rate it a 5/5 since it was a page turner that emotionally touched us. We definitely recommend this book to anyone and everyone.*

**Daisy Theobald, age 12**

***This book was amazing it is now my favourite book of all time. All I could think about was what was going to happen next. It was definitely a breathtaking book and I am going to recommend it to all of my friends. I really hope there is going to be a sequel and even a movie. By the time I had finished reading the book I was so sad to be saying goodbye to my new friends.***

**Mia Thurston-Mathews, age 11**

***I really loved this book because of the blogs, friendship and love. It makes the reader always want to turn the page. I love how the scene is set from Brighton to New York.***

*I really loved this book because of the style of the blogs and the themes of friendship and love. It makes the reader always want to turn the page. Also I love the character Penny. She is a bit clumsy but that makes me like her more - she's an ok girl. Noah and his sister Bella are really cool people and I love how the scene is set from Brighton, England to New York, USA. I would recommend this book to kids who love diaries, blogs and stories of friendship.*

**Freya Hudson, age 12**

***A good read, dealing with falling in love, friendships, and realising that it is good to be yourself without having to pretend, for someone to like you.***

*Once I got into this book, I was engrossed and found it really exciting. As I am 12 years old, it was one of the first 'older reader' books I have read, that deals with boyfriends, romance, feelings, friendships and writing an online blog. Penny writes the Blog as a secret way to express her feelings and gets anonymous replies helping her to make decisions about her everyday life and*

*problems. When she falls in love, it makes a massive impact and she then begins to feel proud and worthy of herself. She realises that she can just 'be herself' without having to pretend or hide about anything. Noah loves her for who she is. I liked this story and would recommend it.*

**Alice East, age 10**

***I did not really enjoy this book, but I can see why some might, especially those who are a little bit older.***

*Penny has an online blog, which lots of people read and respond to. They offer her advice on how to deal with things, and also share their own experiences. Penny talks to them about lots of different things and then meets a boy. For me this book didn't have enough excitement, as nothing out of the ordinary happened.*

*People who like reading about social media, or knowing about other people's business might like this book, but I prefer books with excitement and twists and turns, giving me a sense of adventure.*