

Lovereadng Reader reviews of Hacked by Tracy Alexander

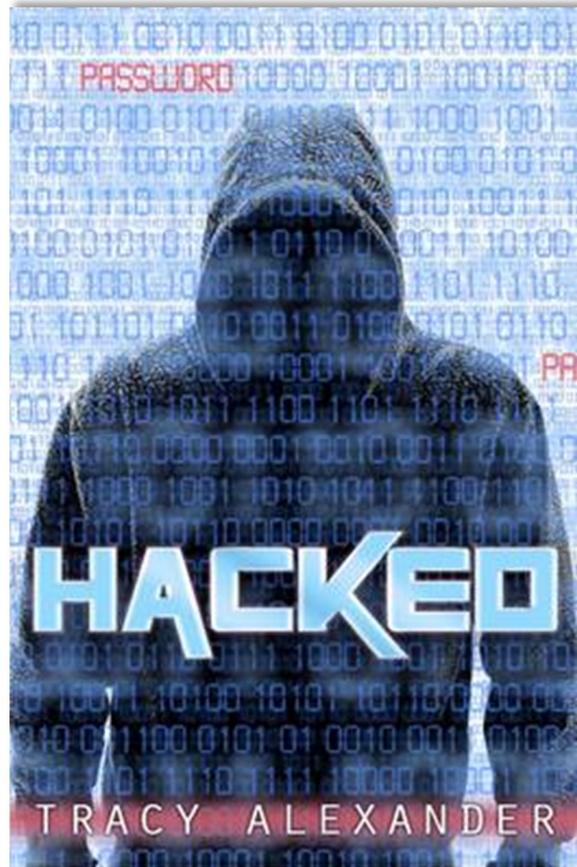
Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereadng members.

John Chapman

*A story about a teenage computer hacker who gets involved in a terrorist plot by accident. **It's a realistic story because it shows what could happen to people who don't think and aren't careful on the internet. It shows how powerful the internet is to change people's lives.***

Dan is taking his GCSEs and has got a new girlfriend and two great mates. His kid sister is a bit of a pain and his parents are a bit annoying but basically OK; they leave him to himself a lot. He spends a lot of his time writing code and hacking websites – he gets free credit on mobile phones for friends with one hack that he does. His friends and girlfriend tell him to stop hacking because it's not right, but he likes the buzz he gets when he's outsmarted the security on a site, so carries on. By small steps, he is taken in by another hacker called Angel who challenges him to take control of an army drone. Little does he know that Angel is out for revenge for a drone attack which killed her grandmother. Dan's life spirals out of control when an American drone heads for London and Angel threatens to hit a target there with its missiles.

How can Dan have been so stupid and naïve? He is interviewed by the police, the Americans want him extradited, his girlfriend dumps him for lying to her, his friends give him the cold shoulder and there are reporters at his front door. How can he get his life back under control?



Emily Kinder, age 14

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Full of twists and surprises, Hacked is an intensely gripping book, made more so by the fact that it is highly relateable. Dan is just like so many people I know and see everyday, and it's only a cruel twist of fate that pushes him that little bit further.

He was diagnosed with ADHD as a young child, and his parents were delighted when he started to channel it into computing. It was natural that his love of gaming made him want to find a few cheats; loop holes in the coding. From that it was only a matter of time before he discovered hacking for real, but we all know the difference between getting a little bit of free credit on a phone to impress a girlfriend and something more serious - say hacking...a drone, perhaps?

'Hacked' offers a unique insight into the world of cyber terrorism and hacking, and illustrates just how bad the consequences can be. The way it disperses information is very clever, the author weaves it in in such a way that you don't realise you are learning anything until you find yourself giving a friend a lecture on the natures of a bot net - your far too absorbed by the plot.

I enjoyed 'Hacked', even though it's not the sort of thing that I'd usually read. I was particularly impressed by the fact that the author managed to make it exciting despite the lack of real life action and the mundane settings. The plot envelops you, and you can just imagine the author chortling to herself as she writes.

"No!" She would laugh "I'm not finished with Dan yet! He'll never be safe!"

Benjy Randall

A very exciting book which is highly recommended.

'Hacked' is a brilliant book. It is about when Dan makes friends with an unknown stranger called Angel online. In order to become part of Angel's club Dan has to complete a challenge. His task is to hack a drone and give the code to Angel. Little did Dan know this code could cause a major catastrophe. How can Dan prove himself non guilty when the evidence of being Angel's associate points towards him? Going through a series of trials things get more and more tense. Can Dan cope with the pressure? Find out by reading the book 'Hacked'.

Amelia White, age 15

Amazing book and really funny! I enjoyed reading this book so much.

Dan in a teenager with ADHD, to help solve his problem, his parents buy him a computer. Dan learns to hack computers and websites, first starting with club penguin but then moving on to American Satellites and other problems....

*I loved reading this book from the start I could link with Dan so much! His humour and thoughts are so much like a teenager you can link with him in so many different things. **I also think this book is good in the way that it teaches you about internet safety and that not everyone is who they say they are...***

Over all I loved this book and would recommend it.

Celeste Phelan, age 13

An intense, thrilling novel all about the dangers of the online world. A book for those who love the excitement of gaming.

Dan Langley has a love for hacking and gaming. He hacked credit on his friends phones and registered his sister money on Club Penguin. But when Dan meets Angel online they instantly become friends, which was one of the biggest mistakes he could ever make. When Ty, his close friend, is knocked off a bike Angel persuades him to hack a surveillance camera to find who hit him. Soon Dan whether he likes it or not is led into Angel's plan. Dan's world is turned upside-down when Angel threatens to launch missiles at London. But Dan has something else to worry about, his innocence.

The story was written in the third person which really helps readers get inside Dan's head.

Dan was a very easy character to relate to, a typical teenager with a completely ordinary life, but who often finds himself in trouble.

I thought the story itself was fantastic and at points very intense. I found the start a bit slow but it gathered pace and excitement towards the end.

I would recommend this book to all game lovers. A certain knowledge of gaming language would certainly help to fully understand this novel.

This book however, also indicates how dangerous the online world can be and how it is important to be savvy to stay safe on it. It made me think.

I would defiantly read another book by Tracy Alexander as I think she is a fabulous author.

James Lawrence Griffith, age 11

This engrossing modern story would suit all computer lovers with an interest in hacking! I adored it and found Tracy Alexander's writing top class.

'Hacked' is a gripping, contemporary, fiction story set in the modern era. It features Dan, a boy with ADHD, his two best friends Ty and Joe, and the mysterious Angel who befriends Dan in the computer world. When Dan got into computers his parents considered a geek better than something feral but, little did they know what Dan was doing in his bedroom! His start to hacking was giving Pay As You Go mobile phone credit to his friends but he did not foresee what trail of disasters would follow! Soon Dan comes across some of Angel's friends and to become part of their group he has to do a challenge, to hack a drone... Shortly after he hacked into the drone and gave Angel the code, a report of a missing war drone (fully armed) was headlining the news. Then scarily DroneJacker says he has control of the drone and is planning to bomb London. Who is this DroneJacker? Angel? Angel's friends? And will DroneJacker succeed in the plan?

'Hacked' is one of the most amazing books I have ever read because the author uses a great descriptive language to make you feel like you yourself are in Dan's room! This is not my usual type of book but it was an opportunity I didn't want to miss out on and I am glad I didn't.

Amber Morgan, age 14 - Thomas Cowley School

'Hacked' is a fantastic book for any teenager, especially those into technology. The book consists of lots of unexpected twists and turns that boggle your mind and make you want to learn more.

There are many unique characters that get introduced throughout the book. The characters are very mysterious and leave you wanting to know every detail of the lives they are living.

Overall this is a creative and unique book with many aspects you can relate to. This is a book that will make you laugh, cry, think and shudder all at the same time.

Cathy McLaughlin, St. Colm's High School

This is an excellent book for boys and girls age 13+. Boys in particular will love it as it is very computer/technology based.

It is an interesting read as it is relevant within today's ever growing technology based society. This book could also be seen as a warning to today's youth who may be interested in computers and coding. It shows the dangers that irresponsible coding can carry.

'Hacked' is a book that will continue to be relevant for many years to come as it contains many themes such as cyber-crime and cyber terrorism which will only continue to grow in the coming years.

The story is very thought provoking as it raises the awareness that today's society laws are not up-to-date with both cyber crime and cyber terrorism, and it leaves us with the message that this should all be reviewed and updated with the ever growing incidents of these crimes.

Great storyline and well written.

Phoebe Allan, age 14

'Hacked' is, by far, one of the most awesome books I've read in the last few years. It's witty, clever and has a loveable main character!

Dan is a wonderful character, full of snarky comments as brilliant as his extreme intelligence, but he's not quite sure what to do with it. I loved reading Dan's accounts as he relived everything going wrong, taking us right from the beginning to every little mistake along the way. Alexander honestly has a brilliant way of making an intricately woven story that perfectly replicates the lack of understanding teenagers have once they've done something. Truly easy to relate to, (don't worry, I'm not a hacker!). Thumbs up for HACKED!

Jack Wilon, age 12

So good, I read it all in one go!

*I really loved this book. It's intriguing, well-written and a really fun read. The story is an extraordinary tale of a stereotypical stay-at-home computer nerd, going through phases in his super-secret espionage type hacking. It shows a journey of a teenager learning the consequences of doing what he would call, harmlessly exploiting a loophole or likewise. He goes from being hacker sell-out at his school, to worldwide anti-cyber terrorist. **Truly an amazing book***

which I would highly recommend, and give a thorough 10/10 for this masterpiece.

Cailin McGhee, age 11

If you enjoy the genre, I think you will like the book because there are lots of cliffhangers so it is hard to put down. I rate it 7/10.

'Hacked' is a book I would recommend, but to enjoy it you must be interested in the cyber-geek genre. Otherwise, you might not find it very interesting and you might get bored of it. If you do enjoy the genre, I think you will like the book because there are lots of cliffhangers so it is hard to put down. It also points out important issues in the modern day, issues like hacking and cyber-terrorism. I rate it 7/10.

Ben Simpson, age 12

Loved this book and could not put it down!

'Hacked' is a very interesting book because it connects to a real life situation some people may be in.

It is about a boy who hacks into a lot of things and about how hacking might not be such a good thing to do.

I would recommend this book to everyone!

I'm not really into computers, but I still really enjoyed it.

In fact, I loved it so much I could barely put it down and had read it in 2 days!

Nathan Gray, age 10

Personally I think that 'Hacked' is a fantastic book suitable for older children because of the events that occur within the story. To be honest it wasn't really my type of book however people who like the genre (crime thriller) would love it and it was very well written. My favourite character was Joe because when everything happened he was calm. I would rate it 7/10.

Ben Baker, age 14

Superb and action packed. I couldn't put it down until I had read it cover to cover.

I found this to be an amazing book! It is totally action packed and kept me right on the edge of my chair, (even though the main character spends a majority of his time firmly in his computer chair). As well as being a superb fiction adrenaline burst it was a definite awakening to me of what can go on in the dark side of the world wide web. Overall, this was a great book that I could hardly put down until I had read cover to cover.