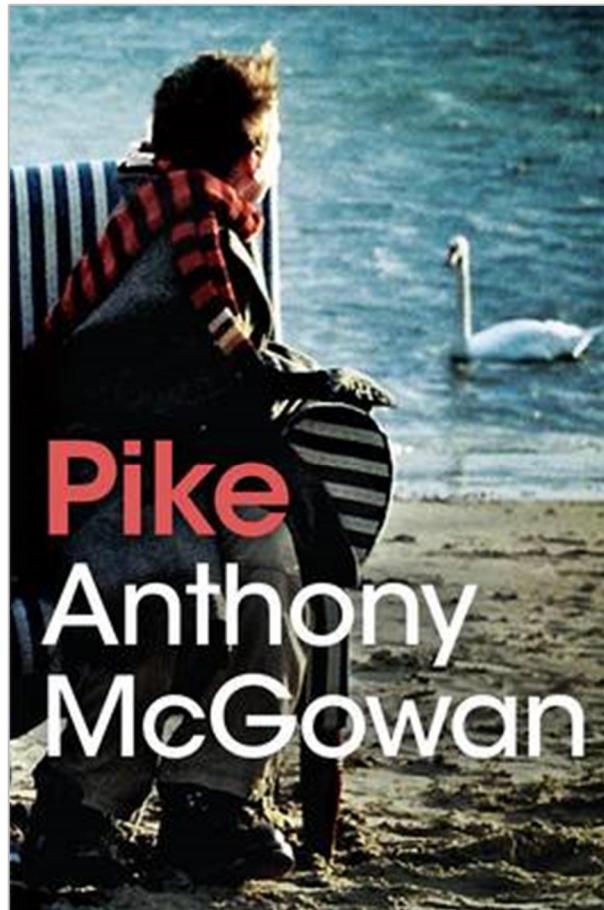


Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Pike by Anthony McGowan

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Dylan Sweet, age 11

This is a brilliant book and I loved it. I was so engrossed that it only took me two days to read. It is the story of a skint boy called Nicky and his brother who has learning problems, called Kenny. They see a glint of gold in Bacon Pond and Nicky convinces himself it is a twenty thousand Rolex watch from an old gangster who used to live in his town. He tries to get the watch a number of ways. None of them were easy and eventually the brothers built a raft out of wooden pallets. They got the pallet from the factory and nearly got bitten to death by a mad guard dog. But I won't tell you anymore, you have to read on!



I found this story hard to believe it was fiction as it was so emotional and I felt what the characters felt. I would rate this book five stars – 110% I loved it and it was one of the best books I've ever read.

Ross Dawson, age 11

A story about brotherhood, hard times and working together. A story to make you think and want to read on. A story I recommend.

After reading 'Brock' I was keen to read the brothers' next adventure and Pike

certainly didn't disappoint. I read it from start to finish in one sitting, having being immediately hooked into the story and then finding myself unable to walk away from it. Kenny and Nicky have a hard life and rely heavily upon each other; when they find a glimmer of gold in Bacon Pond they hope it will bring them something positive; instead it just complicates matters... The book made me think that life isn't always just what it seems.

Nathan Dyer, age 14

King Charles 1 School

When I first saw the book 'Pike' I thought it looked like an interesting book for children, particularly boys. At the start I really liked how Anthony McGowan portrayed the pike as a dangerous animal, when he described how it was able to bring down the swan in one go.

The book made me want to keep reading so that I could find out the secrets of the lake. Whilst I was reading I kept thinking of all the different things the secret could be.

I could really relate to the story because the main characters Nicky and Kenny are both nearly the same age as me.

I would recommend this book for students over the age of 10+

Callum Eacock

King Charles 1 School

Best Book Ever, Can't wait to read more from Anthony McGowan.

I thought the book was for adults not kids when I first saw the book. However, I think this book is the best book I have ever read because it was interesting how the pike gets stronger and bigger. I didn't think a pike would attack people and could not put the book down.

I couldn't put the book down because I wanted to find out what the secret of the lake was. I also thought that the book would be really good as a book club book, because it keeps you guessing all the way through.

I would recommend this book to 9+.

Amy Laws, age 14

An incredibly realistic fiction book- I could imagine it happening in real life.

A quick read- only 125 pages and it took me about 45 minutes to read. The story was ok- it jumped around in places and sometimes was quite hard to follow but overall, it was a good book. There were lots of twists, especially near the end. The book was focused around town legends and unsolved crime investigations. It was quite interesting to find out about the family relationship despite the book being quite short. 'Pike' is also described as dyslexia friendly and I would agree because the font is quite big, the pages are tinted yellow and all the language is easy to understand. I am 14 and I wouldn't describe Pike as a young adult book but I would say it is aimed at younger teens.