

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Pinocchio by Pinocchio (and Michael Morpurgo)

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

**Alexander and Daniel Bisland,  
age 9 and 7**

***Have you ever read Pinocchio?***

***We bet it wasn't written in***

***Pinocchio's eyes!*** *If you haven't read Pinocchio we will tell you all about him. First of all, Pinocchio is a puppet, actually, the most famous puppet in the world! Also Pinocchio is more than just some cherry wood and string; he is ALIVE but he is often stupid, very stupid! At one point in the story he is so stupid that he gets robbed by a blind cat and a fox! He was made by Gepetto because he's darling wife wanted a child. After he was made, his darling wife was full of happiness.*

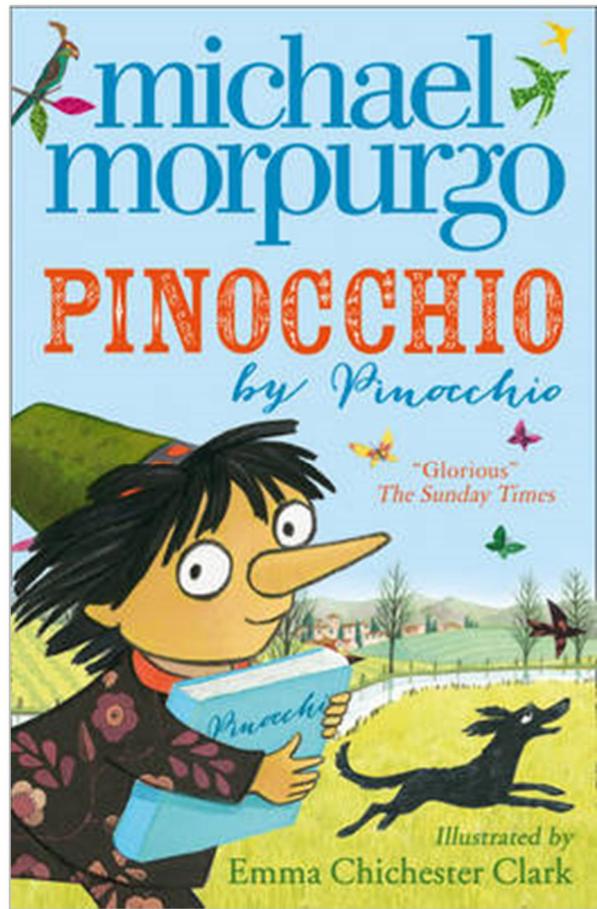
*Pinocchio does what he wants and never thinks about the consequences. Pinocchio jumps from*

*the frying pan into the fire and is always in danger. Pinocchio is always naughty like when he ran away to the circus and he sold his ABC books that Gepetto bought him!*

*We aren't going to tell you anymore about Pinocchio as you will have to read the book to find out the story.*

*Alexander's favourite character is the blind cat because he always repeats what the lame fox says and Daniel's favourite character is Pinocchio because he's naughty like him!*

*We like the illustrations in the book but it is a shame that they are not in colour*



as they are beautiful. As the book is set in Italy, we really liked the Italian words that Michael Morpurgo used.

If you haven't read *Pinocchio*, **this is the one you should read.**

We recommend it to 7+ and give it 5/5.

### **Rose Hopkins, age 9**

**What a wonderful book.** It's a play on the classic story, *Pinocchio*. The book is written in diary form. I love diaries and *Pinocchio* is one of my favourite stories so I was really interested to read this. Although the story has been tweaked, the moral tale is kept. I could clearly picture what the author was saying. **The picture on the front of the book is also really beautiful. I loved it.**

### **George, age 10**

**I enjoyed reading this book even though I have never read the fairy tale.** My favourite part was when they ran to the world's funniest place and turned into donkeys, I would love to go there if I wouldn't turn into a donkey. This is a great idea and I think Michael Morpurgo should try again with another fairy tale however I prefer his older books, my favourite being 'Cool', 'Billy the Kid' and 'The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips'. I have read his books when I was younger and enjoyed them as I love history and like how he includes facts but the main characters are fictional.

### **Hattie Benton, age 9**

**The story of 'Pinocchio' is told from the characters' viewpoint which made it more interesting. I enjoyed the story and read it quickly even though it is not like Morpurgo's usual style of writing.**

My favourite Morpurgo books are 'Shadow' and 'Running Wild' but this story is in a really different style of writing and you wouldn't be able to tell he had written it, not like many of his other books. *Pinocchio* never learns from his mistakes and this leaves him in all sorts of trouble mainly with him nearly dying many times. His aim is to get back to his parents who made him and he has many adventures and scares along the way. I also think the book teaches us a lesson as children and who we should and shouldn't trust. Choose this book for an easy read about a sweet little puppet who has many adventures whilst

meeting many people / animals along the way. I did like the illustrations throughout the story too!

**Georgie Docwra, age 9**

***I loved reading this book!***

***This book is fantastic! I love the way it is written, Pinocchio writes it as if it is his diary. I enjoyed the book throughout especially the happy ending when he finds his parents again. It has great, funny illustrations and I would recommend it for age 6 plus, there is nothing scary in it. The good fairy is my favourite character.***

**Sky Preston, age 8**

***This book is wonderful because it has a lot of interesting things that you'd like to read about. Pinocchio is adventurous and cheeky, the most famous puppet in the World!***

*I like Chapter two best where he meets a talking cricket. I also like the book because it is written like a diary and has nice illustrations. It was funny when Pinocchio's nose kept growing longer and longer. This happened whenever he told lies.*

*I enjoyed reading this book so much that I read it in three nights! Pinocchio is the most famous puppet in the world! You will love this book.*

**Kurt Simpson, age 11**

***'A piece of glorious magic and mystery' a quote made by my brother. This book is amazing because of all of the metaphors, similes and personification.***

*I've never read this story before so I don't have anything to compare this fantastic book with, but this is just an excellent story. There are lots of morals to this book but the one that sticks out is 'don't be greedy'. The illustrations are so good!*

*Pinocchio is amazing! Everything about him is funny, mischievous and well-described. He's a celebrity in his own right and in the book he has an aura of fun and mischief. It's very clever how it's his story from his opinion and in his own words. The Good Fairy was lovely, caring and ever forgiving. She is one main*

*character and was like his true mother.*

*Another book written by Michael Morpurgo that's amazing!*

**Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9**

***The story of Pinocchio written by Pinocchio! Highly recommend this book as it gives a real insight into how he felt and why he did the things he did. I loved it! Highly recommend to all ages.***

*I already knew the story of Pinocchio but this is his own story in his own words. What a brilliant piece of writing this is. I finished it in two days as I couldn't stop reading. This story is so much better than the original. Some parts sad, some happy but all amazing. The only negative I can think of is that I wanted to read more as it was so good!*

**Daniel Uzezi-Daniel, age 8**

***Pinocchio is a funny fairytale full of surprises, adventures and mysteries. This is one of the funniest books I've ever read!***

*The story is set in a forest. It has got really good illustrations.*

*My favourite character was Pinocchio because he was very funny. He is a wooden puppet who loves adventures. He can be fragile. I like him because he is funny, often forgetful and can be silly at times.*

*My favourite part was when Pinocchio was turned into a donkey because he used paper bags to cover his donkey ears!*

*I would love to read another book by Michael Morpurgo because I think it would be as exciting and interesting as this one.*

*I would recommend this book to other children who like funny stories (like my brother David!).*

*I give this book 5 stars out of 5.*

**Molly, age 9**

***I liked Michael Morpurgo's book 'Pinocchio by Pinocchio' because he had lots of adventures.***

*My favourite characters were the Good Fairy (with sea blue hair) and Pinocchio. I did not like the Lame Fox and Blind Cat at first, (they are*

highwaymen) but then they owned up.

*My favourite part of the story was when Pinocchio and his poor Papa, Gepetto, returned home to Pinocchio's Mama and dear sister, The Good Fairy. I also liked it when he learnt from his mistakes.*

***Some of his adventures included being thrown in prison, pretending to be a farm dog and much, much more. He meets lots of new people. Some are naughty and some are nice.***

*I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested. I would rate this book: \*\*\*\*\**

**Patrick John Griffith, aged 9**

***This gripping adventure story is full of suspense and fun. It is about an alive puppet called Pinocchio who is always getting into trouble! Pinocchio himself writes this funny tale which gripped me and never let me go!***

*This great book is told like Pinocchio's autobiography but with a colourful imagination. Pinocchio starts off life as a cherry pip in a blackbird's beak and the story follows on as he is created from the cherry tree by Gepetto (his kind father).*

*Throughout the story Pinocchio has lots of chances to be a good puppet – which he doesn't take! He is adventurous and mischievous and always ends up in trouble.*

*During his adventures he meets many characters including a lame fox, a blind cat and a good fairy. He is invited to eat as much ice cream as he can and grow money on trees! Does he do this and is he tricked into going to the Land of Toys?*

*Although I prefer colour illustrations, the black and white pictures in Pinocchio are beautiful and add to the book. I love the way the book is written. I thought it was a little like David Walliams books as the author uses different font to show Pinocchio's thoughts which I liked. I loved reading this story as I couldn't wait to go on another adventure and learn more about Pinocchio, however, at times, I thought he was a bit stupid!*

**Eden Bartin, age 7**

***I give this book 10/10***

*I think that the book was really funny in places sometimes a bit sad.*

*I when they are in the giant gruesome sharks stomach. I'm not sure about the ending it seems a bit weird because of when they turned into donkeys.*

**Jack Saddler, age 9**

***This book is similar to the story that I knew about Pinocchio but with lots more adventure. Cleverly written through Pinocchio's eyes, it tells his tale, and many mistakes in an exciting and funny way!***

*This book is similar to the story that I knew about Pinocchio but with lots more adventure. It is quite a sad and mischievous story about Pinocchio and all the adventures he has in his 130 years. It is cleverly written through Pinocchio's eyes and tells his tale, including his many mistakes in a exiting way and lots of the situations made me laugh. I also liked the other characters in the book; the fox, the blind cat and the good fairy.*

*I loved Pinocchio and read it all in 2 nights! Personally I would recommend it to anyone aged 7 upwards.*

**Jessica Cobbin, age 8**

***This is one of the best books I've ever read.***

*I've seen the film, but this was much better because Pinocchio has more adventures and more interesting things happen to him. Some really bad things happen to Pinocchio, including him turning into a donkey. If you have ever seen the film or read any other stories about Pinocchio, you should definitely read this one as well, and I think girls and boys would love it. If I was going to do a poster about this book, it would say "There's something for everyone in Pinocchio." Girls will like the good fairy and boys would like the gruesome shark.*