Love reading4kids Reader reviews of Scarlet and Ivy: The Lost Twin by Sophie Cleverly

Below are the complete reviews, written by Love reading4kids members.

Ciara, age 10

*This book was very sad, *I loved the use of words; it was as though I was there with Ivy!* The whole book was brilliant there wasn't one part I disliked. I was moved to tears at times.*

I would highly recommend this book. I was moved to tears at certain points, I felt Ivy's pain was expressed so clearly. This book is now my favourite and I think suitable for children aged between 10-14. I am only ten but I got so engrossed in reading that I finished this 312 paged book in less than a week. I knew this book would be good because the blurb was so entertaining it grabbed my attention straight away.

The use of words were amazing and after the first paragraph it was as though Ivy was my best friend...

Jennifer Bridgeman, age 9

*This book was absolutely amazing! It's about twins where one went to Rookward School and never came back so Ivy is going on an adventure to find her missing twin Scarlet...*

*This book is full of excitement and adventure, a masterpiece! It's suitable for people who love mystery and adventure suitable for 8 and up. This*
book is perfect. It illustrates a picture in your mind and scares you but fills you with joy at the same time. I think out of ten, this would be 9 out of ten. Definitely the best book I read so far and I really mean it.

Felicity Wilcox, age 11

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This is a page-turning mystery adventure set in a boarding school. It starts when Ivy is told that her twin Scarlet has died of flu and Ivy is sent to Rookwood School to ‘replace’ her so that the school doesn’t get a bad reputation. So she has to pretend to be Scarlet! My favourite character is Ivy’s best friend Ariadne who helps a lot in the story and entertained me with her quirky personality. In a few places I could have done with more description so that I could imagine it more easily. I don’t usually like school but this was a page turning adventure I really enjoyed. With many mysteries and puzzles that keep you guessing, I certainly didn’t see the end coming, I would recommend this book to 10-14 year old girls that like mystery and action books.

Lily Benner, age 9

This is probably one of the best books I've ever read. It was exciting, funny, warm and mysterious.

The story is about twin sisters Scarlet and Ivy. When Scarlet goes missing at Rookwood School Ivy is forced to impersonate her.

Scarlet’s disappearance is a mystery and Ivy is trying her best to solve it. With her best friend Ariadne she must find her way through mysterious clues. With Scarlet’s enemy Penny and the awful Miss Fox it is not going to be easy.

It has an unexpected ending and has made me want the next book to come out right now.

Jasmine Harris-Hart, age 12

When Scarlet goes missing from Rookwood boarding school, it is up to Ivy, her twin sister to find out what has happened to her.

Ivy is sent to Rookwood to replace Scarlet (who was supposed to have died of flu/pneumonia) to avoid any upset at the school.
Ivy realizes Scarlet may not be dead after all when she finds her diary...but lots of pages are gone!

Scarlet has hidden them around the school hoping that they would eventually lead to her rescue.

Ivy, now known as Scarlet, together with her new friend and room mate Ariadne, look for the missing diary pages. They hope that they can discover where Scarlet is and what has really happened to her.

With lots of lessons and activities in school to attend how will they do it?

Will they ever find out the truth about Scarlet's disappearance?

I loved reading this book, never knowing what was happening next. There are lots of 'cliff hangers' at the ends of the chapters too.

I was thoroughly engrossed in this book and before I knew it, it was the end! As the ending was so unexpected it made me like this book even more.

I would recommend this adventure/mystery story for anyone aged 9+ and rate it 5/5

‘Scarlet and Ivy: The whispers in the walls’ is to follow in October 2015 and I look forward to reading that one too.

Jasmine Duce, age 10

This front cover is very intriguing and makes the book look good even though it’s an amazing book anyway!

At the beginning I was unsure about this book and didn't want to read it but Ivy going to the school drew me in. All the diary pages exited me. I think that Miss Fox was an amazing character to describe. I also think this book is more for years 5, 6 and 7 but I'm excited for the next series and will be the first one to buy it!

Sidney Greenslade, age 11

‘Scarlet and Ivy: The Lost Twin’ was filled with excitement, bravery, friendship and mystery and I would definitely recommend it. A fantastic read!

‘Scarlet and Ivy: The Lost Twin’ is a story about Ivy, the slightly smaller of two
twin sisters. When Scarlet vanishes from the mysterious Rookwood School for Girls Ivy is heartbroken. When she is offered a place at Rookwood to “fill Scarlet’s place” Ivy is horrified when the horrid Miss Fox insists that she must pretend to be her sister to avoid worrying the other students.

Ivy arrives at her dorm to find kind hearted, mousey Ariadne who soon becomes her only friend in the sinister and unwelcoming school. More strange things happen and a gang of girls who hate Scarlet upset Ivy by doing awful things to her and being cruel, thinking Ivy is her sister.

Ivy begins to despair but then she finds Scarlet’s diary. In it she finds clues and riddles from her sister about where to find the missing pages from the diary which have been hidden away to stop others finding her secrets.

Ivy’s search for truth is an adventure – she is sure there is much more to Rookwood than meets the eye...

‘Scarlet and Ivy: The Lost Twin’ is a perfect balance between mystery and thriller. The story shone with excitement, secrets and bonds of friendship. The way the book was based in the 1920’s was great and the story was intricately plotted and beautifully worded making it both intriguing and touching.

The tale opened an amazing world of mystery and possibility and I can’t wait to read the sequel. I loved the characters and could really feel for them in their plight.

I may have found a new personal favourite and if I had to mark this book out of 10 I would give it 11!

Rosie Watch

This is an excellent adventure. The suspense is underway from the first line and one is immediately drawn in. For some reason boarding school stories always have an appeal and this is no exception. As the story develops and the diary is unravelled, knowing who to trust and who to believe becomes increasingly confused. I like the way the writer drops hints along the way as your mind tries to unravel the reasons why she behaves as she does or reacts in certain ways.

The suspense is held till the end and will I am sure prove a popular read with my class.
Evie Aconley, age 8

A brilliant and exciting book.

A really brilliant book. Scarlet has lots of exciting adventures while trying to find her lost twin sister. I would recommend this book to everyone who likes a good adventure book.

Daisy Mae Pritchard-Williams, age 10

I really liked the 'Scarlett and Ivy' book because, a lot of it was a mystery. It made you feel that you actually wanted to be in it!

My favourite character was Miss Finch, this is because she didn’t seem a very brave or important person in the story but actually she was quite important and she stood up to her mother.

My favourite thing about the story was that it started with 'This is the story of how I became my sister' and it ended with ... well you'll have to read it to find out but I thought that this was really awesome.

In some bits it was quite spooky but in others in was fun and exciting.

I enjoyed this book because it made me want to read more and I really hope there is a second book.

Eleesha Walker, age 9

This is a very exciting book because when you read, it just makes you want to read so much more and you just get an amazing feeling. I really just loved reading it.

I liked this book so much especially the two girls Ariadne and Ivy (Ariadne is sooo curious). I quite liked reading the little messages that Scarlet made because the writing was different from the other writing. It was messier, it made it more exciting to read. Mrs Fox is so mean especially when children get caned by her! People should read this book because it is full of adventure and friendship. It is one of my favourite books to read. I think that loads more people should read this book too!
Ella Day

**The storyline is exciting and it feels like the characters come alive.**

*Scarlett and Ivy is one of the best books I've ever read! I love the way it has been written because the author uses interesting techniques which leaves you wanting to read more - I didn't want to put it down!*

*I would recommend this book to 10-13 year olds. I hope there is going to be another in the series.*

Lucy Keaveny

**An exciting mystery with lots of twists**

*This book was a little bit scary to begin with. First Ivy get sent to her sister’s school but is told she is there to replace her sister. What makes it worse is that her sister is dead. It is very creepy and makes you feel very sorry for Ivy. Then Ivy starts finding pages from Scarlet's diary. These are the clues that help her to find out what happened to Scarlet. Luckily Ivy has her friend Ariaane to help her.*

*You should read this if you want to know what happened to Scarlet.*