

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Shark-Headed Bear-Thing by Barry Hutchison & Illustrated by Chris Mould

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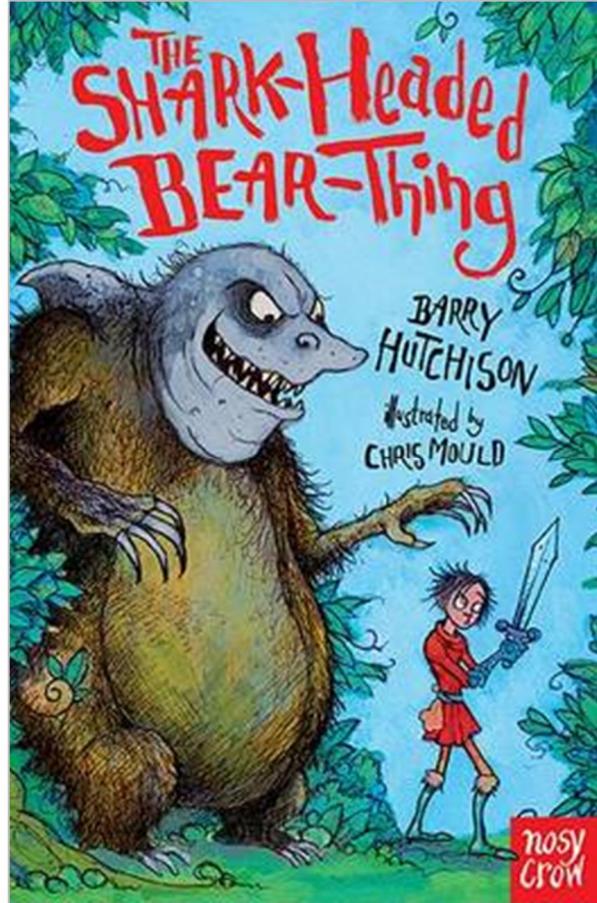
Emily Lonsdale, age 9

Love, Love, Love this book, so different and I can't wait for more like it.

This book is about a boy called Benjamin who lives with his crazy inventor Uncle Tavish. Through a series of events Ben ends up on a mission to fight monsters who have taken the mayor of a local village.

I loved this book so much. I loved the fighting, the action and the pictures which helped me get into the story. The monsters were wonderful and the wizard weird which made the book even more a pleasure to read

I can't wait to read more of these books.



Brodie Greenslade, age 9

'The Shark-Headed-Bear-Thing' is the hilarious tale of useless wizards, unlikely heroes and some very unusual monsters.

'The Shark-Headed-Bear-Thing' is a funny story about a very unexceptional boy called Benjamin Blank who lives with his Uncle Tavish, a blacksmith.

One day Benjamin answers the door to a girl called Paradise who appears to think that his Uncle Tavish is a "warrior blacksmith". Paradise wants Uncle Tavish to stop the shark-headed-bear-thing, a monster that is terrorising her home town of Loosh. After a lot of pleading and explaining to Paradise,

Benjamin manages to persuade her that his Uncle is not a warrior and that he should go to fight the monster instead.

They head to Loosh to find that the monster has kidnapped the Mayor and taken him underground into its labyrinth of caves. Determined to rescue the Mayor, and helped by a useless wizard's apprentice, Paradise and Benjamin soon discover that their problems are only just beginning...

I really enjoyed reading 'The Shark-Headed-Bear-Thing'. The story was fast paced and funny, the characters were hilarious and, at the end of each page I couldn't wait to find out what happened next.

Anyone who likes funny magic, scary monsters and adventure would be mad not to read this book!

Caitlin Hill, age 7

An exciting and funny book about a monster fighter who has never fought a monster, a wizard who was kicked out of wizard school and a girl that gets to places taking the long way round!

I really liked this book about Ben the monster fighter who has not fought a monster in his entire life! Wesley the wizard is hilarious as he cannot even do a simple spell (he was kicked out of wizard school after 6 years, 8 months, 2 weeks and 5 days). They go on a mission to help Paradise whose village was destroyed by the shark-headed bear-thing. On their adventure they have to get out of tricky situations. There's the bridge that breaks, the troll with the funny games, getting lost in the woods and the cave where the shark-headed bear-thing lives..... The pictures in the book sure also really good and they are just as I imagined everyone to look.

James Wood, age 7

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This is one of the best books I've ever read. It's really funny and there aren't any boring bits. Ben is the main character and he thinks he is really brave and can fight monsters, but it isn't as easy as he thinks it will be. One of the best bits is when he beats one shark-headed bear-thing and then lots more come round the corner.

At the end it seemed as though Ben is only at the beginning of his adventures, so it will be good to read more in the series.

Harry Gray, age 7

Great illustrations. A good adventure. We loved Tavish and wished the story had more of his contraptions.

Toby Pickering, age 8

An entertaining tale of a young boy's adventure to save the Mayor from The Shark-Headed Bear-Thing!

The Shark-Headed Bear-Thing is a great story about Benjamin, a young boy who dreams of adventures and fighting scary monsters, little was he to know that when Paradise stumbled upon him his dreams would become reality and perhaps it would be a little more frightening than he thought.

This book was a really good read and the author did a good job of adding humor along the way keeping me completely involved. It was also nice to read of Benjamin, Paradise and Wesley's friendship and how it evolved along the way.

I would certainly recommend this book to anyone of my friends.

Matthew Wilson, age 7

Funny and Awesome

I like this book because it is crazy, and I really like the pictures too.

10 out of 10.

Mum says: this is exactly the sort of nonsense that Matthew loves, and I found it funny to read aloud at bedtime. I think it would suit readers who like Stinkbomb+Ketchup Face and Mr Gum. A nice one to share at bedtime.