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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Baker's Magic** by Diane Zahler



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

Miyah Smith, age 10

*Full of magic and wonder, 'Baker's Magic' is an intriguing, original tale of tree spirits, known as moss maidens, magician-like Mages and a girl who bakes her feelings into cakes. **With a dash of humour and a good helping of excitement, Baker's Magic has all the right ingredients for an amazing fairy tale.***

Edward Bailey, age 11

A cracking read! Hope there is another installment!

This book was amazing! The characters have a brilliant connection! The author has made their backstory part of the book which makes it even better!

Holly Wilkins, age 12

Baking, trees and magic.

Bee walks from the home of her foster parents to Zeewal and finds a baker's shop. She has been so hungry that she steals a bun. This embarks her on the most amazing adventure of her life. Being a baker's apprentice is not what it



seems . . .

I would rate this book 5 out of 5 as it always kept me interested and I never wanted to stop reading it.

If you like intriguing mysteries and a little bit of humour then you will love this book.

Alec Del Pino, age 8

Year 4, Runnymede College

I found this book thoughtful, surprising and creative. It tells the story of an orphaned girl who comes to a bakery and meets a princess. My favourite part was the exciting discovery that both of the girls make. I really enjoyed the book and I would recommend it to some of my friends who like adventure and fantasy stories too.

Isaac East, age 9

'10 out of 10 for Bakers Magic'! this is by far the best book sent by Lovereading4kids. This book has an amazing plot of a girl who can put feelings into tarts, cookies and cakes.

'Baker's Magic' covers lots of genres - action, adventure, comedy and love.

My favourite part is the visiting of the Isle of Trees and a tree. The idea of putting feelings into sweets, like a cookie of confusion, is a really good idea. The story has a perfect mix of evil and good. The settings are land, sea, islands and a shop.

Diane Zahler is a genius for coming up with such an excellent idea for this book.

I would recommend this book to semi-fiction lovers.

Sam Harper, age 11

When orphan Bee arrives in Zeewal, starving and alone, she doesn't realise that stealing a Bouts Bun from the bakery will change her life forever. She meets new friends; Wil, the blacksmith's boy, Master Bouts, the kind baker who takes her in and teaches her to bake, and Anika, the princess of the kingdom. Bee also discovers new, magical skills, when she bakes. It turns out that she is able to bake her feelings into everything she makes. So if she is happy, scared or cross

when she bakes something then everyone who eats them feels that way too. But Master Joris, the evil mage, is controlling Princess Anika and destroying the kingdom by removing all of the trees to make way for fields of tulips to make himself rich. The people who live in the kingdom have never seen nuts, coffee or anything else which grows on trees and the lack of trees also means that storms now wash away the land and everyone is starving. Bee, Anika and Wil journey to the Island of the Mages to ask for the council's help to overrule Joris. With a feisty pirate captain, Zafira Zay, and Bartholomew the hedge wizard to help them, they survive shipwrecks, sea battles and floating islands but will they be clever enough to defeat Joris and save the kingdom?

*This was **a fantastically magical adventure full of excitement and unexpected twists and turns.** I loved Anika's long, flowery words and Zafira Zay was really funny. The lack of trees and Bee's baking magic were brilliant ideas for a really different story. I wish I had Bee's abilities!*

Richie Upchurch, age 9

This is a great adventure story. An orphan, Bee, is rescued by Master Bouts the baker, and they bake magical buns to save the town from an evil mage. There's also a recipe and Bouts Buns are YUMMY!

'Baker's Magi'c is about a girl called Bee whose parents have died, and who has run away to a city called Zeewal. She finds a bakery and being so hungry, without thinking she slips in and grabs a delicious bun and slips out again. The baker, Master Bouts, catches her. Despite her thieving, Master Bouts takes Bee in and teaches her how to bake. Without anyone knowing, Bee has the power to use magic in her baking. Bee's power will help the townsfolk and their long-lost king face up to the evil mage, Master Joris who is controlling the city.

I really think the book is a great adventure story. Bee's journey introduced her to Master Bouts, pirates, the mysterious Moss Maidens, Princess Anika, and two other people she'd thought were lost. It shows how kindness gets you friends and family. It also has a recipe for Bouts Buns in the back for readers to try out their magic. The buns are YUMMY!

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Miranda Beinart-Smith, age 9

This book is full of magic and spells and my favourite one is how Bee can bake her own feelings into her pastries! She can make cakes that

make you happy, angry, sad or anything!

This book was about a girl called Bee, who, after leaving her old life behind, discovers that she has a magical power. She makes a friend who needs her help against an extremely wicked mage and ventures off on a memorable journey ...

My favourite part of this book was all the magic and spells, especially when Bee used her powers to bake her own feelings into her pastries; for example, if she was feeling angry and was baking at the same time, the person who ate it would feel angry! I also like how, to us, chocolate and orange and lemon and trees all seem really usual to us, but to the people in this book, they would be thrilled to taste or see them! I especially liked it at the end, the chapter about the trees and how there was a danger of them becoming extinct. This was because tiny beetles were chomping their way through them. It seemed really cool how they could eat their way through trees that were at least a hundred times the size of them!

This book is brilliant for about 8-12 year olds but many others would enjoy it as well! As long as you can read, young or old, this is the perfect book, especially for people who enjoy magic and fantasy tales!

Alexander Bisland, age 10

This book is about a girl called Bee who has run away from her foster parents to Zeewal (a magical town). She is starving and due to this, she steals a bun from a baker. When she is seen she tries to run but she falls over and the baker catches her. When she tells him her story, the baker takes pity on her and she becomes his apprentice. Soon she finds out that she has some magic powers and this is when her adventure begins. After a while, problems start and then they multiply! She must save her town and her friends but how can she do it with such little magic?

I really like this book and I especially like the recipe it gives you at the end. I recommend this book to 9+ adventurous readers. I give it 6/6 stars.

Oliver Thorpe, age 9

I loved this book. Bee is an orphan girl who uses her magic to defeat evil and save those that she loves, all in a magical kingdom.

I really enjoyed this book. Bee is a starving orphan who is saved by the kindness of a baker when he allows her to bake for him. She discovers the magical power to bake feelings into her cakes and pastries which she learns to use to help people and to defeat evil. I really liked reading a book where a girl has magical powers for a change and I love baking so I thought that this was a fantastic idea.

I especially liked the pirates who turn out to be good and help Bee save the kingdom, and also the Baker because without him Bee would never have had the chance to save the kingdom.

This book was a real page turner. It was like a cross between Enid Blyton and Harry Potter with a touch of 'Bake Off'.

Ross Stokes

A nice mix of Fantasy and Adventure, a compelling read. I can't wait for Bee's next adventure!

Lavinia Motoc

The book, 'Baker's Magic' is an exciting and heartwarming adventure book. It will for sure make you want to read it again all-over.

The book is full with characters for example: pirates and evil mages, princesses and long lost fathers. A book that suits all!

*From lonely orphans to brave girls, Bee and Annika fight their way to victory! Bee overlooked that Annika was a princess and together defeated the evil mage. **I really enjoyed the book, it is going right past second best! I would recommend it to everybody and everyone!!! It is that good!***

Rachel George

I really enjoyed this book. It was funny in parts. READ IT!!

I liked the way the writer told the story. It was beautifully written, and the words gave me the opportunity to 'see' what the characters looked like. I would like to know more about earlier in Bee's life. I liked how the tulip pirates help Wil, Bee and Anika.

Matthew George, age 7

'Baker's Magic' is a strange exciting book about an orphan who runs away to a town where she finds she can bake her feelings into cakes. It is absolutely fabulous because it has great setting and there are quite a lot of surprises that no-one is ever going to expect. It is quirky and at some points funny. P.S. It was fabulous.

Ellen Cox, age 9

This book is heartwarming and exciting!

I would definitely recommend you read this book as it's a heartwarming and also exciting story. I loved the happy ending.

I think it would be suitable for children from 9 years old as there are some quite tricky words in it that may be too hard for anyone younger.