

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Barry Loser: I Am Not A Loser by Jim Smith

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

### Sam Harper, age 10

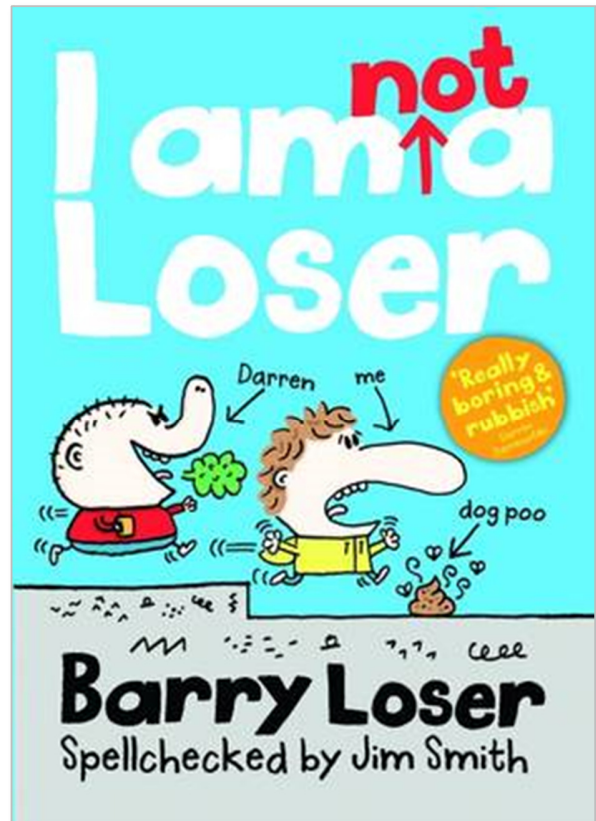
'I am Not a Loser' is the hilarious story of Barry Loser and his crocodile faced, Fronkle burping enemy, Darren Darrenofski. Barry has been cursed with a terrible surname and a really long nose. He spends his life pretending to be something else, using a range of weird cardboard costumes and stilts. And when he's not doing that he's acting out 'vending machine mum' with his best friend Bunky which involves acting as his mum in front of the whole class in preparation for the school talent contest. And when he's not doing that, he's trying to convince everyone that he is NOT a loser. He wants to be keel (that's cool to the rest of us) but his mum calling him

Snookyflumps and his fear of giant, sabre-toothed woodlice doesn't help this at all.

**Fun, frolics and lots of poo, Barry Loser is hysterically funny. If you love 'Tom Gates', 'Wimpy Kid' and 'Timmy Failure', you'll love these too. They're absolutely fantastic! You'll love them!**

### Milind Kowsik, age 7

This story is about what happened in Barry's school when a boy called Darren joined his class and kept getting Barry into trouble. Darren annoyed Barry so much but everything they do is so funny that even their fights are hilarious. I



*think that Granny Harumpadunk was the best as she made me laugh so much when she got into three hour chats with random people.*

***I like the way the author has made you laugh with funny words and silly pictures. This book is a brilliant book, I am going to read all of Barry's books!***

**Isla Moore, age 9**

***I really enjoyed this book because it is about a young boy who is definitely not a loser, which I found very funny.***

*I thought this was a great book because there were loads of jokes and awesome illustrations too. It is about a young boy who has a hard time at school because of another boy who torments him with drinking and burping. I would definitely read the rest of the books in the series because I am sure I would like them.*

**Daniel Aconley, age 11**

***A good, funny book. The illustrations were brilliant.***

*I enjoyed this book but I did not like the misspelling of some of the words, even though this was deliberate I found it a little annoying. The tricks that the characters got up to were really funny and I enjoyed reading about the revenges that took place. A book I did not want to put down!*

**Daniel Harrison, age 8**

***I liked this book because it made me laugh. There are good characters in the story.***

*Barry Loser is a boy roughly my age. He can be quite stupid.*

*I love this book because it is funny. The people in the book say Keel instead of cool. I also liked the pictures and I thought Darren was very funny because he often burped farts! Darren is Barry's arch-enemy. He wasn't very nice to Barry.*

**Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9**

***This is a very funny book. If you like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', you will LOVE this. Lots of laughs all through the book.***

*A great book for boys as it has lots of trumping, burping and poo in it! The story*

*follows Barry on his adventures which are always very silly. There are lots of funny drawings in the book too so you get to see what the characters look like. My favourite part of this book was when Darren does a really long burp in Barry's ear. I would recommend this book mainly to boys especially if you like 'Wimpy Kid' and 'Tom Gates' as it's similar. I don't think girls would enjoy reading it much.*

**Charlie Swan, age 8**

*This book is about a boy and everyone that he knows calls him a loser, even his best friend Bunky. This is because his surname is Loser. He lives with his mum, who calls him "snookyflumps". He has a cross-eyed teacher, who also has a bent finger, so when he talks to a pupil he is looking at someone else and also pointing at someone else!*

***This book was extremely funny and very silly. I loved it! It is twice as good as my other favourite book of this kind (the Tom Gates books). I would like to read all the other 'Barry Loser' books.***

*The book is described as "spellchecked by Jim Smith". Other books are "commas put in", "noses drawn" and "pages numbered" by Jim Smith. This made me laugh very much.*

**Charlotte Rosevear, age 10**

***'I am not a Loser' is a great book and I would recommend this book to any one who just want to have a laugh.*** *This book is about a boy named Barry Loser. Barry has had no problem with his second name being Loser, however now that Darren Darrenofski has joined his school he has made his life a misery. Darren is sooo into Fronkle. So do you see the flaw? Barry says that his dad works in a Fronkle factory and says that they are bringing out a new flavour of Fronkle, Banana. So you see his dad doesn't work for Fronkle and no they are not bringing out Banana flavoured Fronkle. But while Darren believes this he is kind to Barry.*

**Leoni williams, age 8**

***This book is very very very funny. Even though I think it's mostly for boys, girls can read it too.***

*I really like the silly names everybody has. Barry Loser, Mrs Trumpet Face and*

*Granny Harumpadunk were my favourites. Granny Harampadunk is one of my favourite characters as she reminds me a bit of my gran.*

*It's about Barry Loser and what it's like for him in school. Sort of like his diary. Everybody picks on him a bit. Even his best friend is a bit mean to him so I felt sorry for him a bit but he did do really silly things which didn't help him.*

*Some of my favourite parts were the bit where he almost had a fight and weed himself and when he had a really silly haircut. They were a bit embarrassing.*

*I've read two of the 'Barry Loser' books and I've liked both of them. **Me and mum sometimes read them together and even she laughs.** I would definitely tell my friends to read them too.*

### **Hannah Baer, age 10**

*This book is about a boy called Barry Loser whose life is ruined by another person called Darren Darrenofski. This is the fourth book in the series.*

*Instead of using the word cool, throughout the book they use the word 'keel'. **It is a really funny book with lots of hilarious moments.** My favourite part was when Barry went to the Mogden Museum, which displays wallpapers from 1700-today and his grandmother called the owner, whose name is Mr. Hodgepodge, Mr. Hedgehog and gave him a high-five! It is a bit boring after a while, but it is good. I would say it is for ages 6-11 and it should be rated 6/10.*

### **Isaac East, age 8**

***I am not a loser is a good book because Barry Loser is really funny!***

*It is about a boy called Barry being teased by a boy named Dan. I really like this book because the characters are so funny that I wanted to keep on reading and not put it down.*

*It's written in diary style and I'd recommend it to people who like 'Tom Gates' and 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books.*

*A great read!*

### **Emily Lonsdale, age 8**

***Very funny book that I read in a few hours.***

*This book is about a boy called Barry Loser, it's very funny as he is very good at*

*practical jokes. I like the pictures and all the silly things that he does in the book. I like the style of the book (it's written as if he was speaking) and I would love to read more of his books.*

**Lucy Keaveny, age 8**

***Barry is the main character in this book and he is sort of a big loser. He always comes up with really weird ideas. There is a boy named Darren who is always mean to him.***

*Barry is a loser. Everybody says that. Once he came up with this idea when he wears a big and long knitted nose by his blue haired grandma! One of the weird things about him is that instead of saying cool he says keel! One day he went down to the bottom of the stage(which was on the talent show). He had to go down to the bottom of the stage because he had to go and get someone from it then he found out that that person who he had to get had come out. I can't believe his teacher told him to do that when the person had already come out! He went to ask his grandma to help him in a gap in the stage at the bottom and his grandma was sitting next to her friend with the ugly and fat feet and she always wore sandals. UUUUUUUUUUGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG!!!!*

**Izzie Wood, age 10**

*This book is about a boy called Lama Loser. He has a friend called Bunky and a enemy called Daren. There are lots of annoyance that happen to Lama Loser that are made by Daren. Lama Loser also plays a small prank on Daren what will happen?Lamer Loser and Bunky enter the talent contest what place will they come? **I like the book. I would rate it a 6/10.***

**Evie Hollingshead, age 10**

***Brilliant, funny book! If you love books that make you giggle then you must read this. Barry Loser and another boy Darren are always playing tricks on each other and get competitive. I loved it!***

*'I am not a Loser' is a really funny book that is similar to the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series.*

*The book is about a boy called Barry Loser who is picked on by a boy named Darren. The boys are always playing tricks on each other but get quite competitive about winning the school talent show.*

*My favourite part is when Barry and his friend Bunky make a vending machine out of a cardboard box and sell a drink called 'Fronkle' from it.*

*I would recommend this book to anyone and everyone especially fans of funny books!*

**Alex Bateman, age 8**

*These are the names of my favourite characters, Barry, Bunky and Granny. This book is all about Barry Loser and what he does to pass the time. Barry didn't mind being called Barry Loser until Darren Darrenovsky joined his school. From thereon Barry felt bad about himself because Darren was ruining his life. My opinion of this book is that **it is hilarious. Barry does silly things and his granny has a really weird haircut.** I would recommend it for children aged 7 to 10. Children under 7 are still learning to read and it's too easy for over 10s.*