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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Best Birthday Bike** Part of the Flying Fergus series by Chris Hoy



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

**Lewis Briggs, age 9**

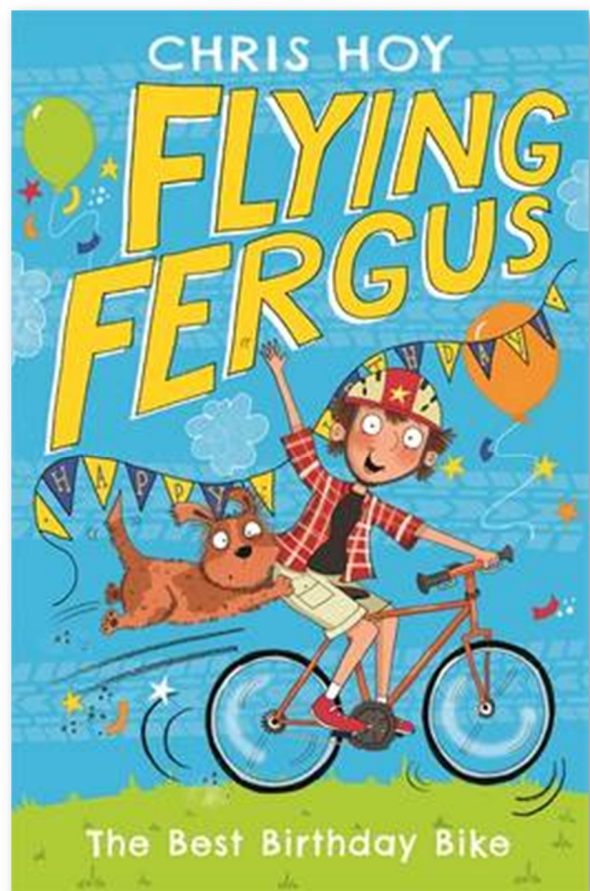
*The book was fabulous! I really enjoyed reading it. It was humorous, full of fantasy and gave great imagery in my mind.*

*I like the fact that it's written by a famous cyclist and I would definitely recommend this book, especially if you like cycling. I would love to read more books by this author!*

**Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 10**

*A really great story, perfect for younger readers between aged 6 and 9 years old, especially reluctant readers as the print is quite big and there are lots of fantastic illustrations.*

*I knew this book would be a quick read for me but I really wanted to read it as it is written by Olympic Champion Chris Hoy. I am so glad I was given the opportunity to read it because I enjoyed it so much. Fergus is an 8 year old boy with huge amounts of imagination. He receives a rusty old bike for his ninth Birthday and "rides" to a place called Nevermore where he meets Princess Lily, his dog called Chimp talks to him in an Australian accent and he gets chased through the forest! There is also a great moral to the story about never giving*



up. Perfect story in every way.

### **Gabriel, age 10**

*'Flying Fergus' is an imaginary story about a boy desperate for a new bike for his birthday but can he afford it?*

*Fergus Hamilton is an eight year old boy who lives in a flat with his mum. His granddad has a shop under the flat and sometimes comes over to see Fergus. When granddad comes, he and Fergus always talk about famous cyclists. Sometimes Fergus dreams that he is a famous cyclist [Spokes Sullivan] and dreams he is gadget man with his sidekick thats a dog*

***I like this book because it inspires people to achieve their dreams even though they don't have the latest brands. I would recommend this book to 7-9 year olds. Its easy to read and a real page turner.***

### **Phoebe Allan, age 10**

***I recommend this book for age 7-9. It is quite simple although it still has some hard words. However the majoroty of the book is direct speech.***

*This book follows a story about a boy called Fergus who wants a new bike for his birthday. When his birthday comes he is disappointed to find that he didn't get the bike he wanted. Fergus, Grandpa and Daisy fix the bike up and make it look good. Fergus wants to try out for Wallace's Winners, so they head to the park and practise. Fergus practice's everyday. However the day before the race they take the bike for another spin when Fergus accidently turns his feet backs three times sending him to the land of Nevermore. Fergus bumps into problems along the way but no problem is to big for him to solve. Will Fergus make it back home in time for the tryouts? I won't say anymore because I don't want to ruin the book. In my opinion I enjoyed this, however it wasn't advanced enough for me. It's a great story line, very enjoyable. I did like reading this book and highly recommend it for 7-9.*

### **Kamran Mustfa, age 7**

***It's a super book. It all starts off when he thinks he's a loser. I'd rate it a 3 star book. It isn't my kind of book but it's well written but I'm not into imaginary lands and that kind of thing. It is a very short book but the author***

*managed to fit a lot of story in it. It took me 30 minutes to read.*

**Daniel Bisland, age 8**

*This book is about an ordinary boy called Fergus who is 8 years old and who has a small bike. Fergus likes football, fish fingers and chocolate cake, like any boy would! He lives with his mum and grandad. Fergus has an immense imagination. Once, he imaged he was the best cyclist in the world! On his 9th birthday, he got his dad's rusty, old, second-hand bike but is he happy or disappointed? Soon after he gets his new bike, he tries to get on a cycling team but what happens?*

***I really liked this book because it was funny, imaginative and a great story to read!***

*I recommend it as a first reader for 7+ girls and boys. I would like to next book in the series.*

*I give it 10/10.*

**Hannah, age 8**

***I really enjoyed this book because of the characters, and the story itself.***

*I liked what the characters thought, did, and said.*

*I also liked the type of story e.g magic, fantasy, adventure.*

***I can't wait to read the next book.***

**George Daniels, age 7**

***'Flying Fergus' is inspiring in lots of ways and made me believe in aiming to achieve success against the odds.***

*The book is about a boy who believes that he has just been given the worst bike ever for his birthday. However, through his journey to the fantasy world of Nevermore he realises that his bike is no ordinary bike.*

*The title made me think that the book was going to be about an air pilot, but he turned out to be a cyclist, epic!*

*I thought that the cover was suggesting that the boy was cycling on a plane - weird!*

*I enjoyed the book because I like cycling and I would recommend the book to pretty much anyone.*

**Freddie Barth von Wehrenalp, age 8**

***A magical adventure which gives me a real treat at bedtime.***

*I really enjoyed the story because at the end when the tension builds up, Fergus has to make a decision about which button on his magic bike to press to prevent from being swallowed up by a massive, moveable, black lake of goo.*

*The characters are really well drawn and I could believe that they are real life people. I think this would be good for 6&7 year olds but also good for an adult to read for a 5 year old bedtime story.*

**Bobby Earl, age 9**

***I loved this book and it was great to read a book about cycling as I am mad about bikes.***

*Flying Fergus loves playing football, eating chocolate cake and fish fingers, but he doesn't like broccoli. He has a dog called Chimp. He is an ordinary boy in every way and he has a huge imagination. Sometimes he thinks he is living in an enormous underground lair. He even imagines that he is a brilliant boy cyclist.*

*He mostly imagines waking up on his birthday and seeing an enormous parcel in the front room. On his birthday he gets the best, red birthday bike and now he tries to get into the cycling team.*

*The bike is not that fast and Fergus keeps flying off. He gets bullied a lot by older children and children in his class, who call him loser. At first Fergus is slower than a snail pulling a rock but that all changes when something magical happens to the bike.*

*I recommend this great book to children age 7+ as it is easy to read and anyone, like me, who loves bikes will really enjoy it.*

**Rachel Zinkin, age 9**

***I thought this book was brilliant, not only because he got a bike for his ninth birthday just like me, but because his was magical.***

*This book is about a boy called Fergus who gets a bike for his ninth birthday. He goes to the park with his grandpa and friend to practise for a competition. Sadly, its not the super bike he really wanted but his friend and his grandpa try to make his bike seem like the best one, and are really positive. Then, suddenly when Fergus is going super-fast, his bicycle turns magic, and takes him into another world called Nevermore. Will he make it back home for the cycling competition? And why is cycling banned in Nevermore? This was great. The story is full of imagination and is exciting all the way through. And the pictures are really good, and there are lots of them. It also as both boy and girl characters, which is good to read about. I can't imagine anyone who wouldn't enjoy this book. It was a super read.*

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**Pelayo Primo de Rivera, age 9**

***Fergus receives a rusty old bike for his birthday, with the help of his grandpa it is transformed but will he win the race?***

*My favourite bit of the book 'Flying Fergus' was when he received an old rusty bike for his birthday. All he wanted was the famous Sullivan Swift bike. He saw a parcel shaped like a bicycle and got excited but when he opened it, it was an old rusty bike. With the help of his Grandpa Herc the bike was transformed. I hope it is fast and speedy so that he wins the race.*