

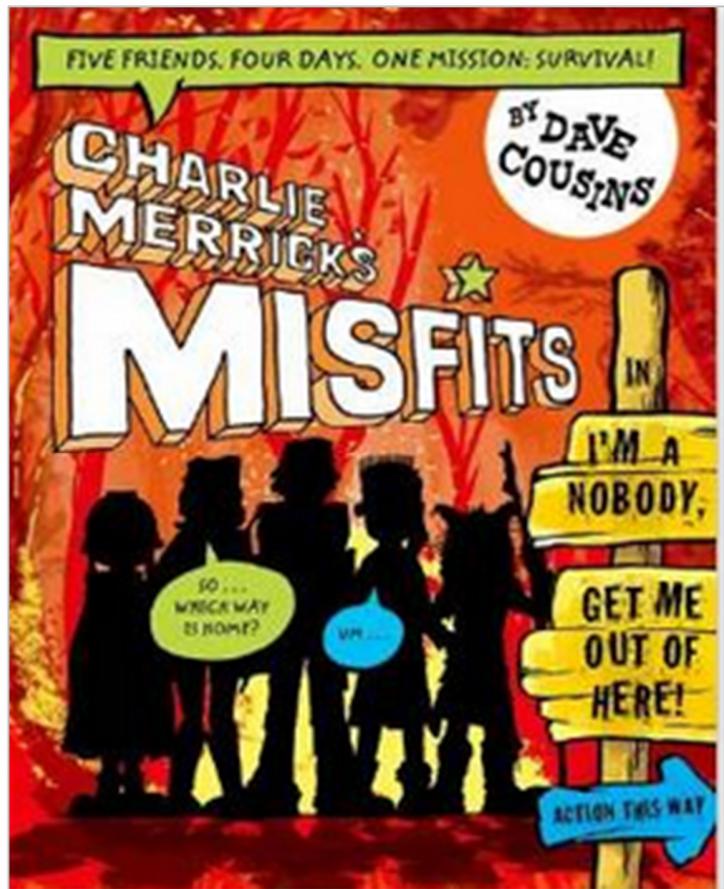
## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Charlie Merrick's Misfits: I'm A Nobody, Get Me Out of Here! By Dave Cousins

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Tomasz Hawryszczuk,  
age 9**

*A hilarious book filled with humour from start to finish. Written in the style of 'Wimpy Kid' and 'Tom Gates'. I loved this book so much I have read it twice already.*

*Charlie and his friends are due to go to football camp but their driver takes them to survival camp instead. This book is filled with really funny characters, a bus called the Frankenbus, lots of survival skills and so much more. There is a page which shows a "wee gauge" which I found very funny (but it's true)! The illustrations are brilliant; so much to look at as well as read. You can learn how to make a paper cup (always useful), a water trap & sock filter (really useful if you don't have a water filter at home I'm sure), how to build a campfire, shelter and so much more. This is the best book I have read for a long time and I will read it again and again. Thank you to the author for such a brilliant read. Highly recommend to all fans of 'Wimpy Kid' and 'Tom Gates'.*



**Alex Hall, age 9**

***Imagine turning up at a survival camp when you thought you were going on a football trip. This is a funny book. The main character kept panicking. There are some good survival tips and good pictures.***

*This book is about a group of young people who are supposed to be going on a football trip but manage to get themselves into a survival camp instead. I liked this book because it was a page turner, it was funny because the main character kept panicking. There are some good survival tips. The group got out in the end but they didn't get to the football match!*

**Joshua Zinkin, age 10**

***This is an extremely exciting book that makes you nervous at some parts.***

*Charlie Merrick's Misfits is a funny book about Charlie and his football team. They want to go to a football camp but find they accidentally book a Survival Camp instead. They battle against Wild Warriors to get the title of Best Survivors and camp in the forest. They need to collect flags to win the game and eat wild food. I loved the different mix of bits of text in the book from maps to comic book bits and real instructions and labelled drawings. It made it funny and interesting. I would give this book 8/10 and I would recommend it for those who are aged 7+ and like adventure stories.*

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**Sam Brittain, age 8**

***This is a fun and exiting book that is full of suspense. Great illustrations and survival tips by Survival Clive.***

*I really enjoyed reading this book. The blurb on the back made me want to read it as soon as I got it - and when I started, I read it quickly because it kept me guessing what was going to happen next. The illustrations are amazing and make good pictures in your mind. The survival tips were unexpected and interesting. It was a great book - 10 out of 10.*

**Ross Dawson, age 11**

***This book is not only an amazing adventure story, but it includes a range of epic illustrations! You should definitely grab yourself a copy and enjoy getting to know Charlie Merrick and his misfit friends.***

*Having been on a wilderness camp myself, I was looking forward to finding out how Charlie's Survival Camp compared. We had shelter building and bug invasions in common, but in addition, Charlie got lost, almost drowned and had to save someone who had eaten poisonous mushrooms! It is a shame it was only a fictional camp, because I'd have loved to have signed up next summer if it wasn't! This book was unique in that the illustrations included both comic strips, labelled diagrams and factual information - this made it both funny and interesting to read. I think, that the combination of an exciting plot and the use of regular illustrations would encourage even the most reluctant reader to dive in and take a try. I for one can vouch that they won't be disappointed if they do!*

**Monty Benton, age 7**

***I loved this book! It is a funny story with lots of funny pictures all the way through.***

*I really like this book. If you like 'Tom Gates', 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' then read this because it's funnier and better. The story is about them going away and lots of things go wrong. The illustrations really made me smile and help you to read the book quickly and make it lots of fun. I'm going to buy another one of these books as it was so good.*

**Charlie Hopkins, age 7**

***Football is NOTHING like survival skills and that is exactly what Charlie and his football team found out!***

*They were going to the football stadium to play football – they were great at football. But they just ended up doing survival skills!*

*Charlie and his enemy, Magpie, had a bet: whoever lost had to jump down a BIG pit [and probably die!]. Bad News – Charlie and his team lost, Good News - they had lots of fun jumping down the BIG pit!*

**Charlie Swan, age 8**

***This book was extremely funny. It is about a boy named Charlie and his team the Misfits. They accidentally stay at a survival camp when really they just wanted to play football.***

*This book is one of my favourite stories.*

*I liked the character of Sam - Charlie's friend who is in the Misfits - who was very funny.*

*My favourite bit in the story was when Charlie had to eat a scorpion.*

*It made me want to read the other Charlie Merrick books.*

*I score this book 10/10.*

**Melissa Broomfield, age 8**

*Rating: 10/10*

***This is a great book, it's funny and even gives you great advice on tying knots and finding your way without a compass. The characters are well described, and there are some well drawn pictures to help the story along. I would think this book would appeal to children aged 8-11. I wish there were more books to read***

**Daniel Bisland, age 7**

*One day Charlie and Sam (Sam's his friend) and their gang (The Misfits) go to football camp. They were DRIVING FOR HOURS, then they turned up at the WRONG place and saw a weird man who had a metal eye, 2 scars, a shark tooth around his neck, a huge knife, a utility belt and a missing finger. They soon find out he is the leader of the Go Wild Centre and his name is Survival Clive! They end up having to do Survival Skills instead of football training because they turned up at the wrong place! They end up competing against a bunch of girls called the Wild Warriors, who are actually really good!*

*How do they do against a bunch of girls?*

*Were the Misfits scared to compete against the Wild Warriors?*

*Did they win?*

*Did they survive the training given by Survival Clive?*

*You will have to read to find out.*

***I enjoyed this book because it's action-packed and I wanted to read on.***

***I give it 101/100***

**Isaac East, age 8**

***This book is incredibly funny*** but at the start I thought this book was going to be really boring. The main characters in the story are Charlie, Jasmine, Donut, Oska and Magpie.

The book is about a boy who kept a diary of his time at a football centre but ends up at a survival centre. Join Charlie trampolining through woods, lighting a fire, finding food and jumping off a cliff.

***I got lots of useful tips from reading this book and made lots of things from it. The instructions were very useful. I would recommend this book to everyone!***