

Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Demolition Dad by Phil Earle

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Sidney Greenslade, age 11

An action packed, funny and original tale of a boy, his dad and an unusual secret! A great read - I loved it.

'Demolition Dad' is a great book about family, friendship, bravery and wrestling!

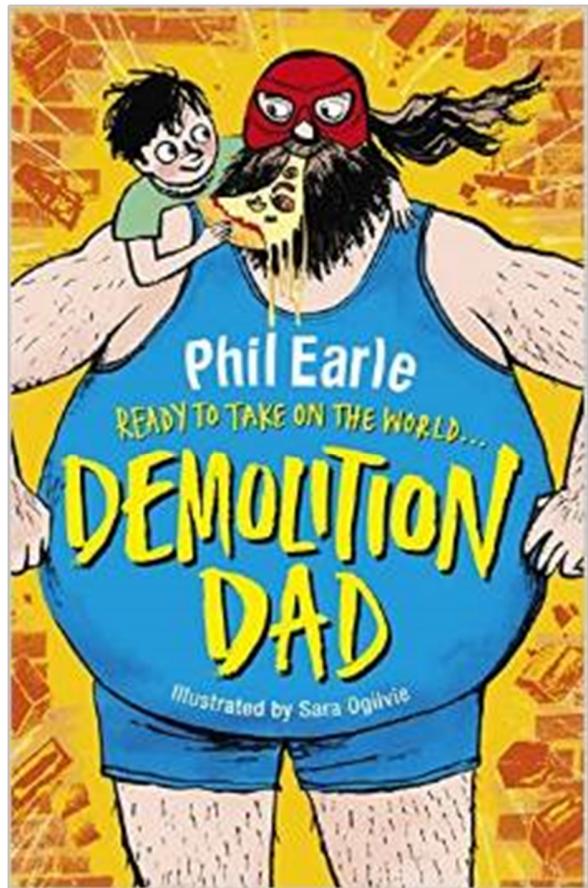
Jake Biggs' dad, George, is a wrestler. An unbeatable one. So Jake secretly enters his Dad for the biggest wrestling contest in the world, Grapplemania, and films his dad at his best, hoping to wow the judges and get his dad to Las Vegas where the competition is held.

When Arnie McBride, the competition creator, turns up on their doorstep all of a flutter about George's video, Jake knows his dad is in! Arnie explains that George will be up against the Tsunami Terror, the King of the wrestling world. Jake and his two best friends are delighted, but a tiny needle of doubt prickles Jake – the Terror is truly unbeatable and most people he fights never wrestle again.

Jake tells himself his dad will win – but what if he doesn't? If he loses will George give up wrestling forever?

'Demolition Dad' is a really good book full of great characters and a showstopping plot – my favourite character was Floss, Jakes friend, because she is so clever! I loved the original and unusual theme. It was a lot of fun to read and I couldn't put it down!

This book is brill and I will definitely read it again.



Danny Belton, age 9

I enjoyed the storyline of the book as it was about a wrestler who was entered into a competition by his son and what happens. This was different from what I had read before and I enjoyed it lots. I think it's more aimed at boys than girls as it is about a wrestler but it would be good if there was another book like this as there doesn't seem to be as many books for boys as there are for girls.

Sam Harper, age 11

This has a bit of everything in it for everyone. A great all-rounder with a big heart.

'Demolition Dad' is the story of 10 year old Jake and his dad who demolishes buildings for a living. His dad has one great hobby, wrestling, and he is Demolition Man. He wrestles against crazy local wrestlers, like Slasher 'The Barber' Gash, at the weekends in local sports halls but Jake has high hopes for his dad. He wants to make him into the very best champion wrestler. He enters him into competitions, designs his costume, writes his theme music and acts as his manager. Jake is so happy when his dad wins a huge wrestling competition and gets the chance to fight The Tsunami Terror in Las Vegas. But his dad's training in the USA doesn't go well without Jake. He is slimmed down and given a new wrestling name, The Beefeater, and, with a raven on his shoulder, he goes into battle. Will he be strong enough to defeat The Terror without Jake and his family there to support him? Once the match is over and his dad returns home, Jake's life changes, and not for the better. He finds himself in difficult situations with the school bully and, with everyone suspecting his dad has gone mad, Jake has nowhere to turn. He ends up trapped with his friends in a derelict building which is crumbling around him. Only one person can save them, Demolition Man. But where is he and will he be able to summon up the courage to help Jake?

This is a really heartfelt story about the relationship between a boy and his dad. It's an in-between sort of book. Not too happy or too sad and not too funny or too serious. It has a bit of everything in it for everyone. An all-rounder with a big heart. Great!

Dylan Sweet, age 11

*I've read many books but none of them have been as crazy as a boy wanting his dad to become the best wrestler in the world. **I really like this book as it's funny and imaginative.** In this book, a boy named Jake and his two friends, Floss and Mouse, are trying to make George, Jake's dad, W.O.W. superstar! Wrestling is Jake and George's Saturday night secret when they wrestle in front of a terrible audience to be precise, a couple of grannies, a few truckers and one pair of teenagers snogging themselves silly. However, when Jake enters his dad into a competition to take on the Terrible Terror. My favourite part of this book is where George announces that he has been picked as the winner of this competition. A little boy farts and runs to the toilet and he does this again, on the announcement of even bigger news. My favourite character is Jake because he follows his dreams and always looks up. **I recommend this book for 9 and up, and I rate it five star.***

Hattie Benton, age 9

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*This book is the story of a boy, Jake, whose Dad is his hero. The story follows Jake's journey to let everyone know what an amazing wrestler he is. **I enjoyed the book and it was easy to read but I do think it is aimed at boys more than girls (and any fans of wrestling).** There are some twists to the story and disappointments for Jake and the family but it's worth reading to the end! I liked the authors style of writing as he uses some funny quips to include the reader but I would prefer a story with a more general theme rather than wrestling.*

Alexander Bisland, age 9

Jake and his dad have lots of secrets but one amazing secret could change their lives forever or it could be a disaster! Their secret is ... WRESTLING!!!

Yes on weekdays, dad is in his crane knocking down buildings but on Saturdays he is the King of the Ring, The Knockout Master, The Wrestling Star, he is the Demolition Man! No one has ever beaten him...

One day, Jake enters his dad in a US competition against THE TERROR, who is the best so far at wrestling. This will competition will change their lives; well, that depends on whether it's a good change or a bad change!

Can dad win?

Will he lose his first match?

Will Arnie (his manager) help him improve?

OR will he make him lose?

This is a great book for wrestling fans aged 8+ and for readers who love action and long stories!

I highly recommend this book and I give it 101/100.

William Longlands, age 11

9/10 - I really liked this book but in some places it was a bit repetitive. If this was not the case it would have been a 10/10. It is a story of Love as when Jake is in danger his Dad rescues him after being all down in the dumps. Also it is a story of how people get back up again. This book has a happy ending.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9

This is a really good book about Jake and his dad (who is a secret wrestler). During the daytime he works as a demolition man knocking down buildings.

This book was a really good read. There were funny bits, sad bits and also a bit of a moral hidden in the story about not playing on building sites! It wasn't what I expected as I thought it would be all about wrestling but there was so much more to the story. Jake gets picked on, his parents become poor. I was hoping for a happy ending.....read it to find out!