

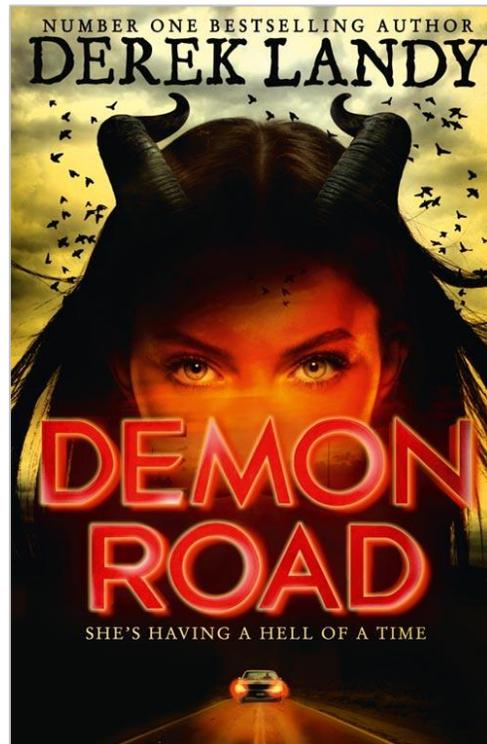
LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Demon Road by Derek Landy

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Poppy, age 16

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Charnell Vevers

Derek Landy is an author that I have heard so many good things about and an author whose books I have wanted to try for quite some time. Demon Road instantly appealed to me, not only because it sounded awesome but also because it reminded me quite a bit of Supernatural, which is one of my favourite TV shows. Having now finished the book, I can say that all the wonderful things I read about Landy were true and, Demon Road is a fantastic supernatural YA read.

It must be said that this book starts with one of the greatest opening sentences, one that grabs your attention straight away and makes it rather hard to put the book down:

'Twelve hours before Amber Lamont's parents tried to kill her, she was sitting between them in the principal's office, her hands in her lap, stifling all the things she wanted to say.'

I'd known it was a road trip style book, one that would see our character travel across the supernatural US, whilst on the run from demons. I didn't know those demons were her own parents, who were rather eager to end her life.

Amber is a really interesting character who is dealing with quite a lot. It's quite rare that you find out your parents are demons who want to kill you and then eat you. I will admit that she has a habit of making some really terrible decisions. But Amber can also be quite the badass heroine when she wants to be, so I can forgive her for her poor decision making skills.

This book offers a whole host of weird, wonderful and downright creepy secondary characters that add so much to this story. From Milo, the stranger that Amber finds herself travelling across the US with in his car, both of which aren't what they seem. To Glen, a funny companion that they pick up along the way, who has only 40 days to live. To a whole host of creepy, supernatural characters.

The story itself is one that is action-packed from beginning to end. It's a road trip book - something I love - that sees the character travel across the USA and running into a whole host of supernatural characters and a whole host of trouble. The deeper into the supernatural world Amber finds herself travelling, the worse her situation seems to get. I found it impossible to put this book down because I had to know what would happen next.

Hamaira Kauser, age 17

Great book. Loved the concept of it!

This book is awesome and I love the idea of it. It is so action packed and every chapter leaves you feeling like you need to read more. Though I like the book, personally I'd rather watch this sort of thing on a TV show or movie more than reading it. I recommend this book to anyone looking for a good supernatural thrill and exciting adventure!

Emily Kinder, age 14

This book is amazing - unbelievably fast paced and full of action. A demon child who doesn't even know what they are? Derek Landy

just got even better.

I love Derek Landy, and I knew that even before I opened this book, so you could say that I'm slightly biased. I predicted this book would be good, because the Skullduggery Pleasant series is one of my absolute favourites, but I didn't quite appreciate just how good it would be. I was completely gripped from the moment I opened the first page, and I finished I in under two hours, easily.

It is ridiculously fast paced, with as many plot twists as in Skullduggery, but with less laughs, and more action and gruesome fights, although Derek Landy's dry humour is still there, just not laugh out loud. I found the idea of it compelling – a demon child who thinks she's normal; but believe me, that's not the weirdest or creepiest revelation for Amber, whose life is turned upside down in only a week.

The characters weren't particularly alive, but they were pretty loveable and the sorts of people you'd want on your side, if only because you'd never want to see what they were like to go against. There are continual surprises and myths and legends galore. I have to say again how fast it all went – the plot could probably have been stretched for a trilogy, but instead was backed up so that you can't out the book down or stop concentrating for a second or you might miss a chunk of the plot. Demon Road is amazing, gripping and terrifying in equal measure, and although I didn't think it was possible, Derek Landy just got even better.

Christie Heaven

Demon Road is a book that will not just be loved by children but by all!

Calling all fans of Derek Landy! The Master Storyteller and Wisecracking Overlord who brought you Skullduggery Pleasant has struck gold once again with his latest and greatest supernatural thriller; Demon Road. Page one, and sixteen year old Amber's journey becomes your own, except you'll be laughing out loud while Amber is left reeling at the darkening path that her life suddenly embarks on. Every character along the highway is unique, lovable or loath-able and at least one will no doubt remind you of someone you know. Demon Road excels in grounding the extraordinary narrative featuring: demons, vampires and beastly cars, with a relatable, refreshing female protagonist who you cannot help but fall in love with. Amber has had to face the cruel judgements of society because she's not the prettiest girl at school but beware America's dark side, she's not to be underestimated.

On a shelf that is saturated with the supernatural in all shapes and forms, Demon Road stands apart on a level above the rest due to its distinguishable and genius Derek Landy dialogue, fast paced plot that excites with every page turn, and twists that you'll need time to register.

Millie Moss, age 15

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Lewis Duckworth, age 13

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Edel Waugh

Okay, prepare for gushing! I loved this!

Meet Amber, a pretty normal teenager with pretty normal parents and life ... Or so it seems. When one day her world is torn apart by huge changes she has no other option but to make a run for it with the help of some very unlikely friends.

Amber's family are not exactly who they at first seem but instead are very powerful influential Demons.

Knowing the danger she is now in she runs away and makes a deal with the one person who can stop her parents from harming her, but he is the last person that Amber every dreamed she would meet because he does nothing for nothing

and if she does not do his bidding then a nasty quick death could be in her very near future if she is lucky! It really could be worse! Vampires, Witches, and Demons, basically all manner of unfriendly being is lurking on Demon Road and Amber, Milo and Glen need to find the evil one they seek on that road so that Amber will stay safe. It's a hell of a journey! ;o)

Georgia Dawson

I ABSOLUTELY loved this book. Best book I've ever read so far! It just amazes me how interesting it is.

I especially love that the main character is a demon because I'm really interested in the paranormal stuff myself. I have already promised one friend I'd be giving it her to read as she loves the author, so I'll be passing it into her shortly! It's a great read and I would definitely recommend.

Imogen Breaks, age 12

Amber is on the run from her parents, on the Demon Road. A maze of twisting roads through America that are never the same route twice. She 504 hours to find the man who disappeared 20 years ago.

Demon Road is a thriller of a book that cannot be put down. It is about a young girl called Amber who finds out a terrible secret about her parents that causes her to escape with only the help of a complete stranger, Milo. Soon they hit the Demon Roads, the darkest, most dangerous roads through America that is never the same route twice. Along the way Amber and Milo meet Glen, the complete opposite of Milo. Milo is strong, silent and unforgiving whereas Glen still thinks the moon is made of cheese and the sun wears sunglasses. Amber, however, is on a mission. She has to find an axe murderer, Dacre Shanks before her personal countdown, engraved in her arm, runs out. She has 504 hours to find the man that disappeared off the face of earth 20 years ago. Otherwise she will fail...oh and be eaten by her parents. I absolutely loved this book and have read it over and over again! I would rate this book 10/10 and would recommend it not to the faint hearted!

Alistair Sutherland, age 15

If she runs her parents will find her eventually and she will die.

If she hides her parents will find her and she will die.

If she fights she will die.

Read this book to find out if she survives...

In this book there is no honour among demons, so it sucks that amber is one while her parents and their murderous friends are trying to kill her so they can have immortality.

So she runs. She is running the demon road with an unknown car with an unknown driver while trying to escape from her parents she bargains with the shining demon a devil. And has only 504 hours to live.

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Chloe Shortall, age 19

I would recommend this novel to any fans of the Supernatural TV series, as well as fans of supernatural creatures and novels.

Amber is a sixteen year old girl, who spends most of her time talking to friends online. She is shy and insecure, and prefers to spend her time avoiding her parents and their weird friends.

But when one day a shocking incident reveals a terrifying secret, Amber has to run. She is then plummeted from one horrifying threat to the other, doing her best to fight off the danger all the while trying to find a way to save herself from the pursuit of her parents.

Demon Road comes from Derek Landy, the author of the bestselling Skullduggery Pleasant books. Landy has a distinct humour that is as present in this novel as in the Skullduggery Pleasant books.

I really enjoyed this novel. Full of plot twists, suspenseful moments and action packed scenes, this novel has something for everyone.

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Jenny Duffy, age 22

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Sixteen-year-old Amber has a fairly ordinary life – she gets through high school, works at a diner, watches TV and spends her free time online. Then she discovers she’s not so normal after all. She’s a demon. So are her parents, and they want to eat her. Amber goes on the run, driving along the Demon Road, a route leading through the dark heart of America. Her guide is Milo – a mysterious and silent stranger with a car that seems to have a mind of its own. They embark on an epic supernatural roadtrip, encountering demons, vampires, witches and serial killers along the way.

Fans of Landy’s Skulduggery Pleasant series will enjoy his new book. While at first I missed the wise-cracking skeleton detective, I was soon sucked into this action-packed adventure. Amber is a likeable protagonist, and Landy does an excellent job of showing how she has to adjust to her new identity. I really liked the character of Glen, the Irish boy cursed with a Deathmark who they pick up on their journey. He brought a lot of humour to the book. As always, Landy’s dialogue is cracking and there are twists and turns aplenty. Demon Road is the first in a trilogy, but I think it would have made a strong standalone. While I enjoyed the book, at over 500 pages it is a long book, and I was hoping for a more conclusive finale. However, with the strong characters he has created Landy has plenty to work with in the next two books.

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