

Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of The Enemy by Charlie Higson Part of The Enemy series

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading members.

Josh Hall, age 14

An exciting and heart pounding page turner! You won't be disappointed.

'The Enemy' is about a time where everyone over 14 turns into a raving monster...called a grown up! Anyone under 14 is hunted and have to fight for their survival. Then they hear rumours of a safe house...how do they get there...is it really safe...?

Very descriptive and realistic characters make this an awesome read. I really like the idea of the story - and Higson delivers just as great as the 'Young Bond' series.

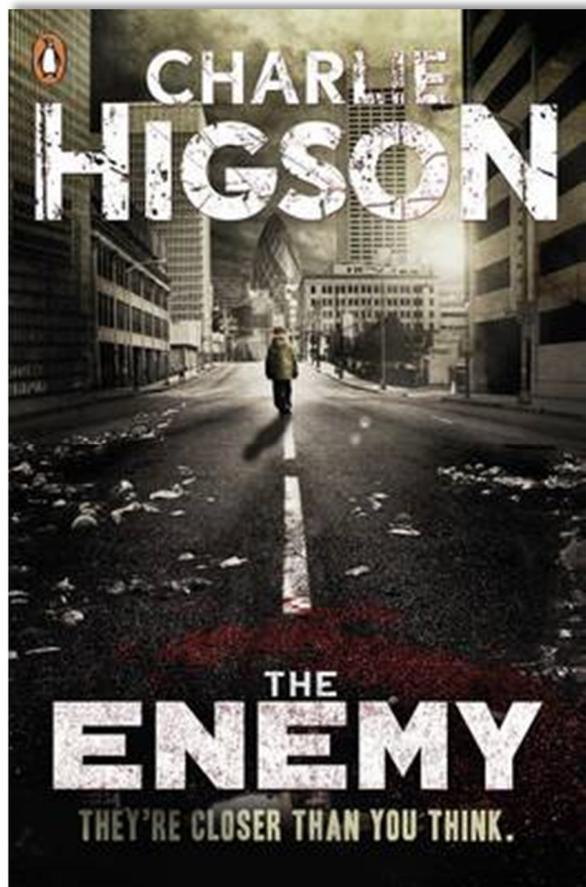
Esmé, age 14

This book is sufficiently gory to satisfy ANY teenagers (or grown-ups) appetite. AWESOME .

I first heard of Higson from a friend who recommended his books, however I did not think they would be my kind of thing, However after reading the first few chapters I was well and truly hooked.

I appreciated his style of writing and found it appropriate for either boys or girls, and I found the storyline especially thrilling because it is (fairly) plausible.

I would not recommend for any young children because it is extremely disturbing, but great for those of you who enjoy sitting down to read about "something hanging from a hook on the hand rail. A bucket catching drips of



fat. A leg, salted and drying. A severed hand. A box with three small brown skulls in it. A pile of bones on a saw dust covered floor" and more!!!

Definitely looking forward to his new book; 'The Hunted'.

Ronan McCarthy, age 13

Charlie Higson's book is one I enjoyed. It has done the very tricky thing of managing not only to convey that the kids are serious about survival, but also that they are in fact still kids, that they were not ready for the life that's been thrust upon them. The book allows you to see in the eyes of Arron and Maxie, that while they may put on a brave face they are really not ready for this.

*Also I liked how realistic Higson was with what the kids use to create the weapons, while extremely cool and useful (leading to some brilliant, not to mention nightmarish, fights), are not dis-believable. **All in all a great book, I look forward to reading the sequels.***

Jacob Lawrence, age 11

I loved this book and couldn't put it down.

'The Enemy' was a truly great read providing days of chilling action, suspense and horror. The best bits were the swimming pool zombie attack and the battle between Buckingham palace and the scavengers. However I did think that too many characters were killed off. I like the idea of kids trying to rebuild society with zombies thrown in just so it doesn't get boring but I would have preferred a little more back story plus more fights with zombies. Overall I thought it was good but with a few tweaks it could be perfect.

Luke Bauer, age 11

Too freaky for me - it gave me the freaky-deakies!

On reading the blurb on the back I thought the book would be a good book and I was excited about reading a new series. However, I couldn't read any more after reaching chapter 11 because I found it too scary. The book shouldn't really be for children my age because I thought it would give me nightmares. Some of the language in this book was inappropriate for children my age too. I think this book should be for older readers who enjoy reading horror books.

I would rate this two stars because I don't like horror books.

Benjy Randall, age 10

A very entertaining book for boys who like action and adventure.

'The Enemy' is a brilliant book. It is about when Waitrose and Morrison's are fighting for survival against the dreaded grownups when a messenger comes and tells them of a safe place with food and water. They go on a long and tiresome journey but will they get what they bargained for? Read this book to find out. My favourite character was Achilles because he was an amazing warrior who I could relate too.

Rose Heathcote, age 15

If you love lots of blood and gore then this book is for you. A fast action thriller which is both scary and emotional at the same time, you will be on the edge of your seat from the very beginning.

*The story centre's around a group of teenagers who set up home in an old supermarket following the death of most of the adults by a mysterious plague, those that are left just want to eat them so it's a story of survival. There is plenty of fighting and violence and gore but equally teenager issues feature in the book which makes it a good read for a number of different readers. The author writes about the characters so well you really get involved with them and feel their emotions as their own personal story evolves. Once you have read 'The Enemy' you will be inspired like me to go on and read the rest of the series. I would give this book 5 stars ***** and upon recommendation both my family and friends have already read it.*