Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Ferals: The Crow Talker by Jacob Grey

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Sam Moffat, age 12
The book ‘Ferals’ by Jacob Grey is a brilliant book. It has a mix of SCI-FI and Fantasy which work very well together which is totally different to what I usually read. It is fast pace and you never know what will happen next. It is a very good idea and makes you wonder what animal you would be.

The main character is a boy named Caw who lives in a nest with a murder of crows. When there is a jailbreak Caw’s life is turned upside down and he is sucked into a world of war and deceit. He meets others like himself, able to talk and understand a certain type of animal. These people are called Feral’s and the book is all about the bad Feral’s attempt to capture caw and bring back the dreaded Weaver man who killed Caws parents eight years ago.

The book Feral’s is a good read and I would recommend it to people of about ten too thirteen. I loved this book and I will be keeping an eye out for more Jacob Grey books.

Elenie Williams, age 11
‘Ferals: The Crow Talker’ is a great book that has a cliff-hanger ending that makes you want to read more.

‘The Crow Talker’ is about a boy called Caw who never knew his parents but has
been raised by crows, with which he can communicate, in the city of Blackstone. But when there is a jail break nearby in which three high security prisoners who can also communicate with different types of animals escape, Caw finds himself teaming up with Lydia (a girl he befriends) and various good Ferals (animal communicators) to stop the mysterious, evil, spider feral coming back from the land of the dead. It is a thrilling book that keeps you guessing at the end of every page what will happen next. I liked the book but I think that most of the book was building up to the end and I actually preferred the build-up because the end ended almost annoyingly. (I don’t want to spoil the story for anyone). My favourite characters were probably the mouse feral Pip and Lydia because they are both very courageous but yet not to serious. The only thing I didn’t like was how the dog feral (Jawbone) was a villain … well I don’t want to give too much away but I really like dogs so I didn’t like this part. But overall it was great!!!

Ella Hollingshead, age 13

Having the ability to communicate with animals is Caw's common ground with a bunch of criminals. Led by the spinning man, who wishes to return to the living, they soon show their evil side.

Such an enticing book, 'Ferals' is centred around a boy named Caw who has the ability to communicate with and also control animals. Caw meets a girl, Lydia, whose parents take a dislike to him after his path crosses with some criminals.

The criminals are led by the spinning man who is intent on returning to the land of the living and picking up where he left off during and before the 'dark summer'. Caw has to learn to trust other Ferals.

Lydia's mum holds a secret and was the part I enjoyed the most.

Ferals is not a book I would usually read, although I did quite like it, however I would say it is more suited to children around 11 years of age.

Abraham Fisher, age 12

'Ferals' is a book that has every emotion packed into it, it has an amazing plot that is full of suspense and anticipation. I want a sequel, now!!!
Destiny Maraj, age 13

I thought that ‘Ferals’ had a slow beginning, that it was a bit boring and I wasn’t really enjoying it at the start but then it really picked up at Chapter two and I saw a new light to the novel! It was adventurous, creative, scary and nerve-wrecking all at the same time. I loved all of the many plots and all the intriguing twists and turns as well as the characters. It was an incredible novel, I couldn’t have asked for a better one to read.

James Lawrence Griffith, age 11

This enticing modern adventure story would suit all animal and adrenaline lovers. I loved its great story line.

‘Ferals’ is a gripping mystery set in the modern era. It features Caw, an orphan, and his crows: Screech, Glum and Milky. Caw lives in a park on the outskirts of a city. Then one night there is a jailbreak! And Caw realises he is very similar to the escapees - in fact more like them than he’d like to be... These too are FERALS, able to communicate and control their allocated animal. The spinning man is coming!

This is one of my favourite books I have ever read because Grey uses great descriptions of the setting to make you feel that you are really in the crumbling city! Also Caw is one of the best characters ever as he is determined and does not want to give up. Caw and his crows are unstoppable.

Sophia Ufton

Wow! Amazing book! Just fantastic, I couldn’t stop reading.

This is the story of Caw a 13 year old orphaned boy, whose only friend is a murder of Crows. He can talk to them and they understand him and help him. He meets someone called the Spinning man and his world is turned upside down. Read this book!!