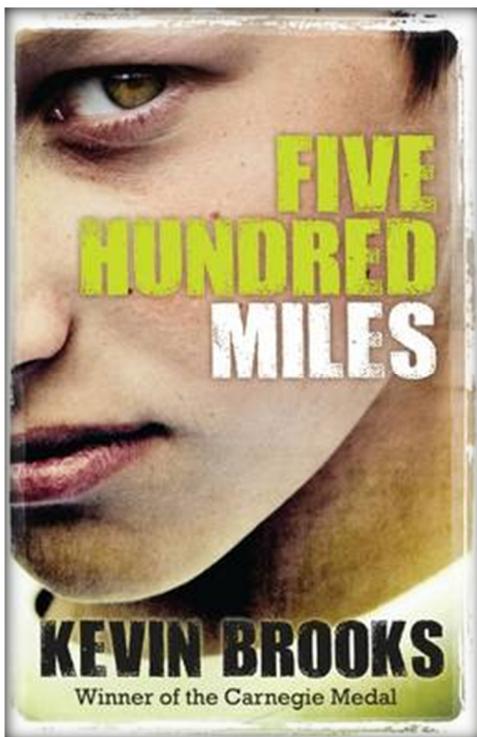


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Five Hundred Miles** by Kevin Brooks



**Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.**



**Sidney Greenslade, age 12**

*'Five Hundred Miles' is a wonderful book about two brothers, a mysterious girl, a gang of gangsters and a simply adorable monkey.*

**Highly recommended.**

*'Five Hundred Miles' is a great book about two brothers, Cole and Ruben. Cole is older, and the story focuses on him. Cole and Ruben are in a pub with a bad reputation, trying to close a shifty deal with the equally shifty bar owner, Roy English, when they see the girl. She looks almost exactly like their long dead sister, Rachel, and Cole is instantly fascinated by this. She could have been Rachel's twin sister. So when gangsters at one of the corner tables start to treat her badly over a monkey*

*they have on a leash that she wants to set free, Cole and Ruben step in. Having got out the pub (with the monkey) Ruben steals a car, and they make a daring escape. Little do they know, they are all about to go on a roller-coaster ride of an adventure...*

*'Five Hundred Miles' is an excellent book, short yet gripping, suitable and recommendable for both people who suffer from Dyslexia and people who don't. I was shocked when it ended – I wanted it to keep reading it! I really enjoyed it, and I liked all the characters, especially the monkey. He was simply charming! 500 Miles is a book packed with action and suspense. I really liked it, and I highly recommend it to everyone who likes action, drama, and adorable monkeys!*

**Dylan Sweet, age 13**

*'Imagine a back street outside a breaker's yard in East London on a damp October morning.'*

***I think this is an amazing book which keeps the reader on the edge of their seat all the way through. The plot is quite gripping and the tension builds*** up from when they are in the bar to their drive to Scotland. My favourite character is Rubin because even though he is young, he seems to be mysterious. In the bar scene, I found the gangsters funny and amusing but they were also frightening. A strange girl who looks like their dead sister walks into the bar. The gangsters were harassing a monkey and she felt it was not right. When the two boys interfered, it led them on to a dangerous adventure. I would rate this book five star as I was very interested in the story. The age range is around 12 years plus (although the reading level is lower).

**Traviss Chaytors, age 12**

***An unusual and different story but a really good read.***

*I managed to read this book in two nights and although the story is quite strange, with a boy helping a girl to steal a monkey from an evil thug, it was really interesting and quite an easy going book to read.*

*I especially loved the part where the man's hands were glued to the table!*

**Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 13**

***This book is about two brothers who help a girl and a monkey out of a bad situation. I like how the characters all have different personalities. I like the plot but I definitely think there should be a sequel*** because I want to know what happens. The book ends quite unexpectedly. The genre is action/adventure. The way the characters bond is really effective. Overall I would give this book four out of five stars.

**Adam Goodman, age 13**

***A simple, quick and easy read. I enjoyed reading it but the storyline was quite basic.***

*The book is about two boys, Cole and Ruben. They walk into a bar to see a girl looking like their sister surrounded by thugs and a monkey. One boy takes down*

*the thugs and rescues the girl and monkey...*

*On the whole, I enjoyed reading 'Five Hundred Miles' however it wasn't such a great storyline; the plot was basic and there was little detail. I did, however, enjoy the part where there was fighting; it was exciting and made me want to read more. I particularly liked it when someone's hand was superglued to a pipe, and when Cole stole a gun and threatened people with it. Overall I would recommend this book it but mainly to those who enjoy a short and easy read.*

**Jamie Bamford, age 12**

***'Five Hundred Miles' is a spectacular book. You can't help but love the characters as soon as you meet them. I definitely recommend to 11+.***

*It is quite a short book, roughly 70 pages long, but it packs a punch. Quite literally every turn of the page brings a new twist or surprise. It has several hidden morals that I, at first, didn't think about. Things like, children, having to go out and talk to people, who normally they wouldn't talk to, just to earn some money. Kevin Brooks has managed to create characters that you can't not love right from the moment you meet them, also characters which you will hate from the moment you meet them. I certainly recommend this book to anyone 11+ who likes a nice adventure.*

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