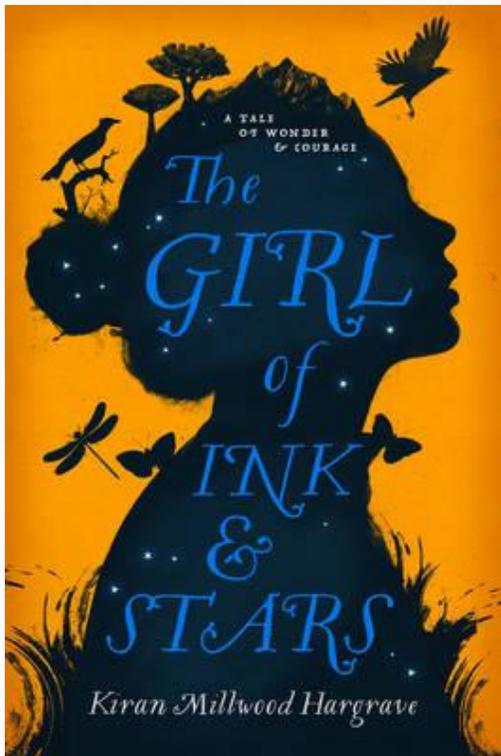


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Girl of Ink & Stars** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave



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



Annie Sherratt, age 11

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' is an excellent book – the best I've ever read. There is a lot of adventure and it's full of unexpected surprises.

I like the way the main character and heroine is a female because a lot of stories or films such as Harry Potter have a male hero in them and it's nice to read something different from the usual. I love the colour and patterns on the pages as they are pretty and it makes it more interesting. I actually feel as if I am the character, in her situation, when I read the book. It's a very exciting book and I think it would be good as film though

some bits would be difficult to do. Some of the bits in the book are quite shocking and I can't quite believe it and I feel sorry for the characters. I think the author of this book is very talented and should write more books. I would be very happy if the author wrote a sequel or prequel to this book or any other books. I love the cover of this book because it's like its telling the whole story in a picture. I think maps in books are very useful because you can understand the story a bit better and where the characters are going and what is happening in the story. I find the sections in the book dividing up the story is a good idea and I think most books should have it.

Anastasia Abdian, age 11

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' is a fantastic book! Where's the sequel? Was my question when I finished. There is adventure, action and an ancient myth, what more could you need?! It is a must read!

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' is amazingly good! I give it five stars! It gripped me the whole way through and I couldn't put it down! A fantastic story of adventure and bravery.

Sidney Greenslade, age 12

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' is a heartwarming yet terrifying and sad tale about Isabella, mostly known as Isa, whose father is a cartographer. Isa has spent her life reading maps and learning how to navigate so when one day her best friend Lupe disappears on a seemingly impossible quest, Isa doesn't hesitate to disguise herself as a boy in order to join the search party.

Isa and Lupe are soon both in terrible danger and an old myth about a fire demon seems to be coming true...

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' is a rich, involving yet terrifying story and I was practically holding my breath by the last few chapters! I thought it was a wonderful tale and it even made me cry! The characters were brilliant and I especially liked Lupe, a brave and headstrong girl who I really loved reading about.

An emotional and fantastic story about magic, maps, true bravery and friendship - I would highly recommend it.

Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 14

*This book follows the adventures of a Cartographer's daughter. She leaves the village in order to find her best friend. **This book has fantasy, action, adventure and myth. I really enjoyed how the characters developed throughout the book.** I enjoyed how the plot contained jumps in the time line. The illustrations on the cover and throughout the book also make the book look unique. I would rate this book five out of five stars.*

Ruby Weyman, age 11

'The Girl Of Ink & Stars' is one of the best books I have ever read. This

unputdownable, descriptive tale, is also memorable and beautifully written.

Felicity Wilcox, age 13

A book full of Mystery, friendship, wonder, sadness, adventure and danger that I couldn't put down.

This book has a bunch of stuff I like, adventure, amazing characters, and I also like map reading so the theme with maps is great!

The story is through the eyes of a girl called Isabella who lives on an island called Joya. A girl from her class in school called Cata is murdered, then Isabella's friend Lupe goes into dangerous unknown territory to find the murderer. Isabella with the governor, who is Lupe's farther, and some of his men go into the Forgotten Territories.

All the characters were great. Isabella was a believable and likeable character for someone her age, Pablo the horse boy acted like a real boy and Lupe was nice and determined yet rich, careless and innocent to most horrors of the world. All in all, the characters were amazing, even the chicken, Miss La, was a unique character, as well as the most lucky fiction chicken ever.

This book was really good at keeping you on your toes, "Did that character survive this or not?", "What's going to happen to them now?" The fact that the characters sometimes survive sometimes die always kept you reading onwards, I love this book to bits, it got to the point when I wouldn't put it down and I'd be sitting in my bed past midnight reading it.

10/10.

Matilda Oliver, age 10

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' is about a girl – Isa- on a quest to save her friend, father and island from a dictator – and something worse.

This book is as beautifully written as it is illustrated, though it does have some things that you may not want to imagine and several (occasionally sad) twists. Because of this I would recommend it to years 10+. It is a wonderful fantasy story for fans of Philip Pullman and Eva Ibbottson.

Emily Kirby, age 11

I really enjoyed this beautiful heart-warming action-adventure story about friends and family. If you like books that are fast paced then I highly recommend you read this.

Isabella lives on an island called Joya in the little village of Gromera. One day she goes to school and finds it is closed, something has happened and she doesn't know what. Later in the book her best friend Lupe the Governor's daughter ventures in to the forgotten territories after an argument. Wanting to apologise she disguises herself as a boy and joins the Governor's search party and as a cartographer's daughter she maps the forgotten territories just like she has always dreamed of doing. Then the adventure really begins.

Aminah Kauser, age 10

I really enjoyed this book! I liked how it was written and most of the characters.

This was a good book and I want to read more. I liked the way it was written, it was a good read.

Edward Bailey, age 11

This book is really hard to get in to. Would not read again in awhile.

This book did not really appeal to me and would be more directed at readers' that are more into fantasy, and animals?