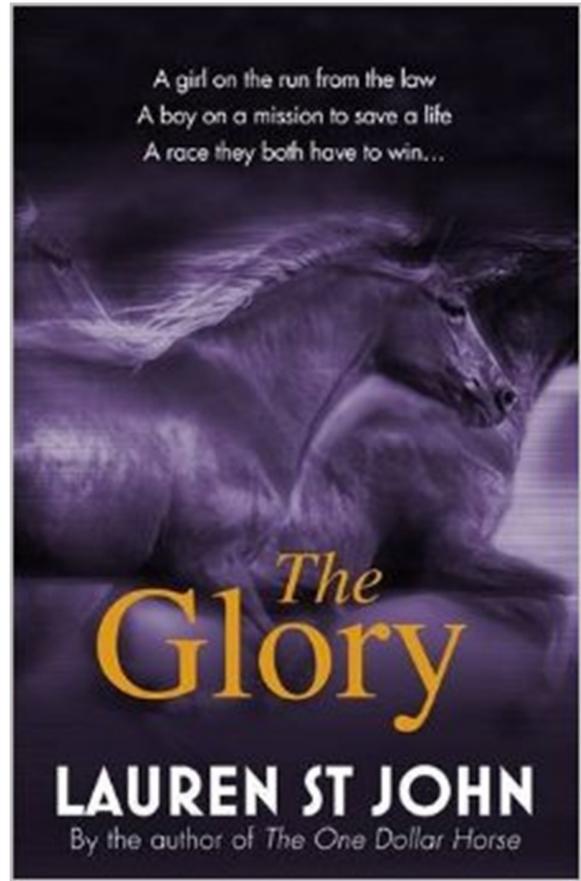


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Glory by Lauren St John

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Destiny Maraj, age 13

'The Glory' was a sad, nerve-wrecking, heart-warming, touching, dramatic novel! I loved every word of it! The issues in it were very realistic which made it even better! I loved the plot and all the imagination that went into the description of the characters! I thought that having two separate storylines was very clever and it was interesting when they were combined so Will and Alex met, became friends and looked out for each other. I found that with each line a picture formed in my mind which really brought the story to life. 'The Glory' was a top-notch book written by an extremely talented author! I really enjoyed reading this novel and would be delighted to recommend it to all my family and friends!



Celeste Phelan, age 13

A mind boggling book full of love, adventure and excitement all piled into one race.

Alexandra Blakewood loves horse riding but is constantly running into trouble and is always on the end of her parent's anger. When they send her off to Camp Renew in America she is devastated because she believes she will be away from the one thing she really loves, horses. However at Camp Renew she meets Scout

a, troublesome mustang and this changes everything.

Will Greyton lives with his father in Chattanooga. Working in 'The Bigger Burger' is not his dream, all he wants is to be able to ride freely with his horse Shiraz and go to veterinary college. .

When Alex and Will meet they become competitive rivals who are both racing to win a race called "The Glory".

As the race unfolds they become close friends. But would they sacrifice time for each other? After all this is one of the deadliest races of all time.

My favourite part in the book was when Will and Alex both finished the race and were allowed one wish. I thought this part was joyful and that they both deserved their wishes.

Will and Alex were both described in great detail which made me really relate to them. Just the fact they rode a 1,200 mile race makes me think they are both very brave. But their love of horses is what really brings Will and Alex together.

The story was written in first person by both Will and Alex so you could really get inside their heads.

I would recommend this book to horse lovers and adventure seekers as it is a mind boggling read. On a whole it's a fantastic story.

Elle Cogan, age 11

An amazing story of a 1,200 mile race, in which the main competitors are a 16 year old girl being pursued by the law, and a 16 year old boy, fighting to save a life.

'The Glory' is the story of a 1,200 mile horse race. Taking place over a month, over 300 horses and riders enter the race, ready to travel across multiple U.S states to win \$250,000. Two of the youngest competitors are Alexandra Blakewood and Will Greyton. Following events back in the UK, Alex is on the run from the police in the U.S. Meanwhile, Will is determined to get the money to save a life. Across the month, the two 16 year olds get closer. As it gets closer to the last few days, they must face the truth. Only one of them can win, but they both need it desperately.

Eleanor Chung, age 12

This book was inspiring and perfect for horse lovers.

I would recommend this book to horse lovers because it was inspiring. The determination Alex Blakewood showed during her race makes you realise that anything is possible if you try hard and drive to achieve what you want. This was just as good as 'The One Dollar Horse' with the book containing so much vivid imagination throughout which kept me reading!

Sophie Bridges, age 12

'The Glory' by Lauren St John is an ok book but quite difficult to get into and you have to stick with it for a bit.

It is really hard to get going but once you get into it is an alright book and I like the theme of it. It isn't really for 11-13 years old more 14+.

Sonnie Havis, age 10

This book is an extremely good book as it features a horse called Shiraz who was the best horse runner before her owner knew. This is a good book and I recommend it to others

*Many people will like this book as it has a catchy phrase; "A boy on a mission to save a life, a girl on the run, a race they both have to win." **As a ten year old boy I love this book and I wish other people would read it as the book is brilliant.***

Isabel Kardos-Stowe, age 11

'The Glory' is about Alexandra Blakewood. She is a girl with a mad love of horses. Despite having everything that a teenage girl could wish for, Alex is desperate for a horse. When she throws a party that goes hopelessly wrong her parents have had enough! They send her to an American boot camp to try to teach her a lesson, though things don't go to plan. Alex is desperate to escape and when she hears about The Glory, a 1200 mile horse race, she just has to go.

Will Greyton was the smartest person at his Tennessee high school until his father has to leave work. When he falls ill, Will can't afford the treatment. He hears of The Glory with a \$250,000 prize and enters his horse Shiraz into the race in an attempt to save his father's life. Despite coming from two different countries, Alex and Will meet each other in the race and start to fall in love. This book is about how these two teenagers will or will not win the race.

I liked this book however, because I liked the characters so much, I felt I wanted to know more about them. My favourite character was Will because he entered *The Glory* for a really good reason. He also worked very hard at school, but sadly things didn't work out for him. I think this book is suitable for both boys and girls over the age of 10. ***I would recommend it to anyone.*** I would rate it 7/10.

Abbie Wade age 11

I started reading this book and initially enjoyed it but after a few chapters I found it to get a bit repetitive and I lost interest. It may suit someone that loves reading about horses more than me.

Jake Fletcher, age 14

Are you ready for a race like no other? This is the world's toughest horse race. Are you prepared to take the challenge?

'The Glory' is an amazing book. The Glory is a horse race of 1200 miles over tough terrain in America. The winner receives \$250,000. Will Greyton, an eager horse-rider, needs the money. His father needs life-saving treatment that costs money Will doesn't have. Alexandra Blackwood is sent to a US boot camp for troubled students by her mother and step-father. She also loves horses. While she is there, she hears about the Glory. She hatches a plan to escape, to compete in the Glory, and to escape from her mother and stepfather. Two riders. One is there to save a life. The other is there to start a new life. Two lives are hinged on two horses, 1200 miles, and a chance of \$250,000.

If writing a story was like baking, you would need three ingredients: A great narrative, some great characters, and a brilliant writer. It all depends on the quality of these three things to know the quality of the overall book. Some books will be metaphorically burnt. **The Glory** on the other hand **is a cake from a Michelin star restaurant. It's got a great narrative. The characters were brilliant. The writer is fantastic. It's a recipe for something delicious.**

Lauren St John has you gripped from beginning to end. This is a book for all ages and genders. Horse lovers will love it. People who enjoy an adventure will love it. It's the perfect book for a book lover.

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