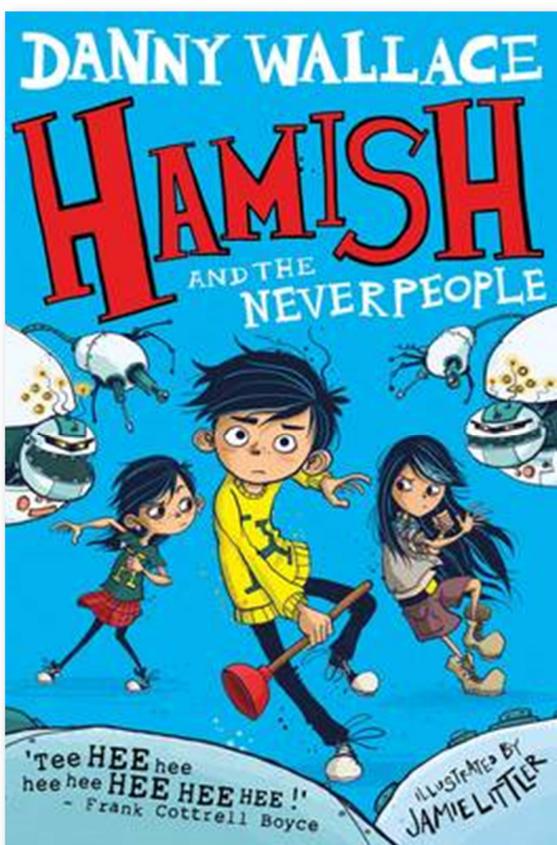


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Love reading 4kids Reader reviews of **Hamish and the Neverpeople** By Danny Wallace & Illustrated by Jamie Littler

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Love reading 4kids members.

SIMON & SCHUSTER



Sam Harper, age 11

Another absolutely fantastic Hamish adventure which had me snortling (a cross between snorting and chortling with laughter) to myself. Brilliant!

When the P.M. comes to Starkley to appear in a TV show, Hamish sees something really weird. The lights pop, the room shakes and the PM stops talking sense and starts talking about his new blue pants! Hamish and his friend Alice travel to London to investigate but they find hundreds of protesters at the gates of 10 Downing Street and they can't reach the PM. With nowhere else to go they decide to visit No. 1 Arcadian Lane, a possible link to the whereabouts of

Hamish's missing father. Instead of the office block they expected, they find an old, abandoned tube station and a familiar face, Alex, the woman who gave them that address. From the tube station they embark on an incredible journey to Otherearth where they meet their doubles. Holly and Alan are the exact opposites, in personality and gender, of Hamish and Alice and that's how Otherearth works. Every person and place has a matching opposite. Starkley, the fourth most boring town, has Starklish, the fourth most exciting, hymns become hers, you get the picture? It's hilarious! So Hamish and Alice team up

with the PDF and their doubles, the Alterna-PDF, and set off to save the world(s), again!

The first Hamish book, 'Hamish and the Worldstoppers', really set the scene for this adventure so it's probably best to read that first. They are both fantastic but I especially loved Otherearth and the opposites in this story which had me snortling to myself (a cross between snorting and chortling with laughter). The ending, with the GravityBurp, made me want to read the next book ASAP. I can't wait!

Tariq Mustfa, age 10

I like Hamish and the Neverpeople because it is fun to read who we nearly were but are nowhere near (the Neverpeople) have to save the world from the evil Scarmarsh.

The P.D.F (Pause Defence Force) live in Starkley the 4th most boring town. This is the second book in the series (there are only two books in the series). But you don't need to read the first book to understand the second. Do you think you could stop yourself from being zapped? To find out the secret to it I guess you will just have to read the book.

Aonghus Anderson

*When I received 'Hamish and the Neverpeople' I was quite interested, having read 'Hamish and the WorldStoppers'. I was somewhat disappointed at the beginning, as it was quite hard to understand and slightly boring but it luckily picked up and I was soon lost in an amazing book with a great story-line. **It is truly amazing how the author makes these stories up, they are wonderful. It is a book that will test your imagination to the limits** and I would defiantly want to read another book of the series. I would recommend it to all ages!*

Rafferty Amor, age 9

This book is very exciting and I always wanted to stay up late reading.

This is a funny book about a boy called Hamish and his friends, who are trying to save the world and the 'Otherearth's' people from being zapped into the Otherearth and going crazy. There's another copy of each character the same

but different. The evil villain trying to zap people is called Scarmarsh. Holly is Hamish's other half - Hamish's dad disappeared on Boxing Day and so did Holly's mum so they are the same but different.

My favourite character is Alan, who is Alice's other half (Alice is also Hamish's best friend). I also think Holly is funny because she has something called a revengepad, where she writes down all the times someone is mean to her, she even had it when she was a toddler!

Daniel Bisland, age 8

The main character, Hamish, lives in Starkley, the fourth most boring place in England. He lives with his mum, not his dad because he's always working.

Hamish and his friends try to stop Axel Scarmarsh and his helpers, The Terribles and Hyponobots, from zapping people.

Scarmarsh's evil plan is to zap and control the King using his special satellites. To stop him, Hamish and his friends dress up as Terribles to climb the Post Office Tower.

Do they save the king?

Does Hamish's dad come home?

I thoroughly enjoyed this book because it's funny, full of adventure and it's different to other children's books. I recommend it to 8+ boys, although girls might enjoy it too. I give it 1 million stars!

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 10

The second book in the series following the life of Hamish Ellerby from a really boring town which becomes less boring and full of adventure and excitement!

I had already read the first book in the 'Hamish' series ('The Worldstoppers'), so I already knew the characters. I think this helped me get into the story so I would recommend reading the first one before this one, but it isn't essential. Anyway, back to the plot....Imagine an alternate universe where another you exists but is slightly different! Add to this an evil villain who likes zapping people and then add a few friends (who also have doubles), then you pretty much have the basis of a great story. This was a bit slow to get going but once I carried on reading it was really funny. If you like David Walliams' kind of humour then I am sure you will like this too. Suitable for age 8 years plus I

would say.

Toby, age 9

This book is great fun if not a bit peculiar. It really gets your mind whirring and your imagination soar. Hamish and his friends go on an amazing journey to 'otherearth'

'Hamish and the Neverpeople' is a fantastic story. It is a little confusing at the start but stick with it as once you get your head round it you can't put the book down. There are two books in the series but you don't need to read the first one before reading this one.

When the prime minister comes to Starkly(where Hamish and the PDF live) the PDF spot that he is acting very strangely on 'question me silly' and was talking about his little blue pants.

Hamish and the PDF go on a mission to look for Hamish's dad and to defeat the evil Scarmarsh in other earth but life is hard for the PDF since colliding with Terribles. There are many other twists to this terrifying tale but I will let you read to find out if they manage to beat the evil Scarmarsh and the Terribles...

Louie Mee

This was a really great book.

*The reason I liked it was because I didn't think that it was going to be but **it was soooo good.***

The best part was when the Prime Minister stood up on live TV and pulled down his trousers!

The characters like the story were a bit out of the ordinary. I didn't really have a favourite character as I liked them all equally. I didn't want to put this one down and read it in one day!