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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **How to Look for a Lost Dog** by Ann M. Martin



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

**Millie Jones, age 10**

*When I finished this book I thought where's the next one? I had never read anything quite like it. It was different and unique and emotions flowed like tears.*

*Can't wait for the next one (if there is one) because I want to understand about certain questions I have circling in my head - how are Rain and Rose? And why her father acted how he did?*

**Anastasia Abdian, age 11**

*'How to Look for a Lost Dog' is a truly amazing book. It gripped me the whole way and I could not put it down. Rose is a girl who likes these things: numbers, rules, words and her dog Rain. You will love it!*



*This fantastic book is a must read. I recommend it to 10+. It is a book with joy and friendship all throughout. Rose is an ordinary girl who lives with her father and beloved dog Rain. 'How to look for a lost dog' is an amazing novel.*

**Poppy Milburn, age 10**

***This is a mind-boggling, page-turning book. Every chapter shows the true thoughts of a twelve year old, autistic child who lost her dog in a hurricane. Will she find him?***

*Rose (Rows: she is greatly into homophones) is a twelve year old, autistic child whose thoughts and feelings are different to ours. She loses her dog in a devastating hurricane. However she never believes he's dead and continues to search every dog shelter, while finding new friends and new hopes along the way.*

*Will she ever give up? Will she find him?*

*A real page-turner and with every chapter filling your mind with questions and often answers.*

**Georgie Docwra, age 10**

***I would describe this book as fabulous, thought provoking and thrilling.***

*This great book is all about a girl named Rose and her dog called Rain. One day she loses him, she is very upset and goes looking everywhere to try to find him.*

*I like Rose's uncle Weldon because he helps her try to find Rain. He is very kind and caring towards her.*

*My favourite part is at the end, but I can't tell you why!!!*

*Overall I would say this is a very good book even though it is a bit sad at times.*

**Alex Bateman, age 10**

*I really liked this book but I thought it was sad so it left me a bit down. The heroine of the story was called Rose. She was easy to like because she was quirky and she did unusual things like calling out prime numbers and being obsessive with homophones. She's made me a bit obsessive about homophones and prime numbers too as a result! **I think I would like to meet Rose and that we would be good friends! Overall it's a good book. My mum wants to read this book now too!***

**Sam Harper, age 11**

***An amazing story that is sad but also has a sense of humour. This will be loved by adults and children alike.***

*Rose is a regular eleven-year-old girl, except for the fact that she has high-functioning autism. This means that she finds it very hard to interact with others but prime numbers, her homonym list, rules, routines and her beloved dog Rain help Rose to hold onto the real world. One night, after a hurricane, her father lets Rain out into the garden to go to the toilet but she never comes back. Rose's life slowly deteriorates after Rain's disappearance. Her father loses his job, his relationship with his brother is stretched to breaking point and Rose finds it harder and harder to control her outbursts at school. She decides to go looking for Rain and organises a search plan, finding all of the animal shelters at certain distances away from her house and phoning them all in turn until she finds her. Can Rose find Rain and, even if she succeeds, will everything ever be back to normal?*

*The writing style of this amazing book really helped me to understand Rose's condition and to know what she was thinking. Rain was a lovely dog and her*

*behaviour around Rose made me want a pet dog of my own even more. This book is for adults and children alike and it's sad but also has a sense of humour. It was so good that I'm even reading it to my dad and he loves it too.*

**Bella, age 10**

***Rose has autism, so she finds it hard to understand others sometimes. But then her dad brings Rain home. Rain changes her life forever. But only when Rain goes missing in a hurricane, does she find out the truth, but it's a truth she doesn't want to hear.....***

***'How to look for a Lost Dog' is quite a sad book, but very intriguing. It's not too hard to read and is perfect for any animal lovers from the ages 8-12.***

**Jasmine Morris, age 11**

*This book is positively different. The characters all have a wide range of personalities. The way it was written was like even the author didn't know where it was going to go!!!*

***This book was incredible*** because it was written in the present tense. The story took a fascinating turn and I never wanted to put it down!!! The book had an unpredictable story line. ***It was like a rollercoaster, up and down and lots of moments where you want to scream or cry.*** This book was one of the best I've read. If I had to pick one thing to improve on, it would be to make the chapters a little bit longer. All in all I loved this book.

**Lily Benner, age 11**

***This is a slightly sad story, but a nice one.***

*Rose's father finds a dog, and Rose names her Rain. On a stormy night Rain goes missing so Rose makes a plan to find her. When she does find her she is forced to make some very hard decisions.*

*This book has made me appreciate my dog even more, and the day I finished the book, weirdly, my dog was really sloppy with me.*

### **Rosie Watch**

*I found the initial chapters rather hard work and the homophones and brackets rather invasive, but as I come to realise this was probably a deliberate step, I could empathise with the children in Rose's class and the social struggles faced by having an autistic pupil.*

*As I read on, I became absorbed in the book and loved how Rose's problems and love for the dog helped her to overcome her difficulties and be accepted by her classmates.*

***It was both cleverly and sensitively written with a beautiful and somewhat unexpected ending.***

### **Cait Galbraith, age 9**

***Excellent book that was moving and thought provoking at the same time.***

*Rose Howard is a girl who is unlike others of her age. Rose loses her dog during a storm which leads to Rose and her uncle Weldon systematically tracing Rain's (her dog) steps.*

*After I had finished 'How to Look for a Lost Dog', I really felt the pain that Rose went through when trying to do the right thing.*

*I would recommend this book to dog lovers and those who look for a big adventure that doesn't always end happily.*

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