

LoveReading Reader reviews of Half My Facebook Friends Are Ferrets by J.A.Buckle

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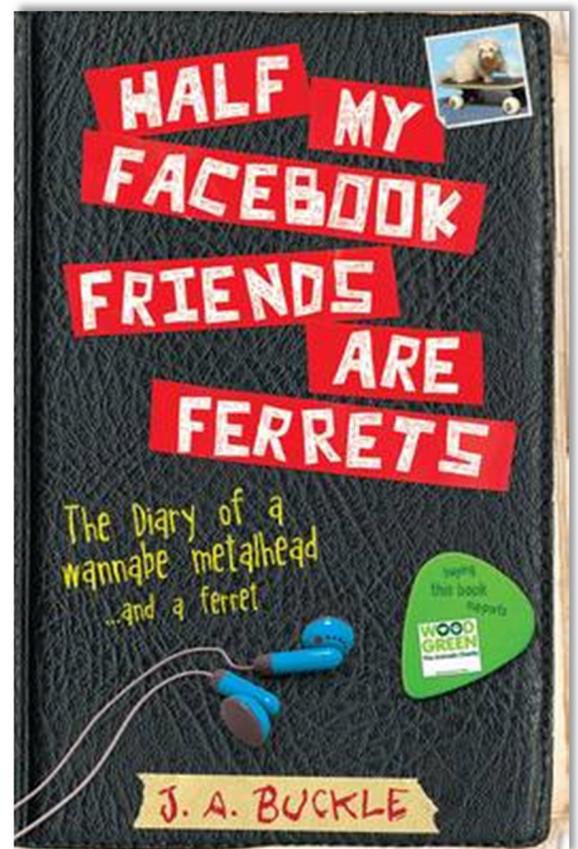
Emily Passmore, age 12

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This reminds me a little bit of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', just for older readers. It's really funny, especially the parts about Ozzy, the ferret. There are a few surprises in it as well near the end, which make it very interesting. I really liked it!

Sarah Harper, age Adult

*I thoroughly enjoyed 'Half My Facebook Friends are Ferrets'. I thought that it provided **a hilarious insight into the mind of a teenage misfit**. Witty, sharp and very funny, it is reminiscent of 'Secret Diary of Adrian Mole' but brought bang up to date. A bit like the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series but with more grown up themes and language. Josh is immediately likeable and totally believable. I found myself really feeling for him as he tried to negotiate the pitfalls of being a teenager and it brought many of my own teenage memories flooding back. **A very, very funny book which will appeal to teenagers and adults alike.***



Alice Horncastle, age 13

This book unfolded with cracking pace, it is as if Josh is living, his story was so realistic and I could relate to it so well - I could not put it down!

The book tells the hilarious life story of Josh's teenage years. Whether it is chasing girls, rocking out on his guitar or just lying around in his 'Inner Sanctum' (bedroom!) he is always up to something that will make you laugh out loud! Will he get a girlfriend? Will he succeed in his musical ambitions? Will he buy the guitar of his dreams? The questions come flying so fast and I was so engrossed that I surprised myself! I would give this laugh out loud funny book a definite 5 stars to any teenager aged 13 and above!

Madi Campbell, age 13

This is a very funny book which I would recommend to any teenager, it is an easy read with many hilarious factors. If you want a good read which isn't too challenging, then this is the book for you.

'Half My Facebook Friends Are Ferrets' is an extremely funny novel which is written as a diary of a 15-16 year old boy, Josh. He is a passionate rock 'n' roller, who wants to complete six actions by the time he is 16, however his life seems to be going downhill and the six tasks appear to be impossible to accomplish. His life is suddenly turned upside down, but he does manage to see the bright side.

Each and every time you think you will put the book down you can't as there is always another short diary entry... and another.

Brilliantly hilarious!

Aimee Sweet, age 13

Josh Walker is a fifteen year old 'rock star' who is obsessed with ferrets (especially his pet ferret, Ozzy) and surrounded by nerdy friends- Davey, Ollie and Peter, who is almost certainly gay. It is nearing Josh's G.C.S.E's and he is meant to be revising; but instead Josh is desperately trying to find his true love and playing on his eight-year-old guitar. In the meantime, he is working in the local pub with a hot waiter called Michelle. Will Josh ever have long hair? Will he fail his G.C.S.E's? And, most importantly, will he ever kiss a girl who is not a relative, very old, very young, or covered in fur???

*This very funny book is great in a simple way: when I read it I thought that it actually was a teenagers diary. **Very lifelike and realistic, this book will make you laugh, smile, and frown in disgust (in the best way***

possible). *I love the twist at the end and how it changes the course of the story completely. A must read if you like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid': a four star. This book is mostly for boys but it can be appealing and funny for girls too!*

Ben Evans, age 11

I really enjoyed this book it's really funny and it's easy to read! My friends and I couldn't stop to put it down!

The characters were hilarious and made me laugh especially Josh!

I would recommend this book to anyone!

Rosa Boran, age 14

I really liked this book. It was really funny and a great read. It was lifelike, realistic and an easy read too if you don't want anything challenging. I'd recommend this to any teenager.

'Half My Facebook Friends Are Ferrets' is about a 15 year old boy named Josh. He has a list of things to do before he turns sixteen but it's not easy when his mum is so strict. He writes things down in his diary (which includes hilarious band names) and a secret his mum has might just be what he needed.

I loved this book, I couldn't put it down till I was done. It was so realistic and I could kind of relate to it as well. It was very funny too and a ferret seems like quite an interesting pet to have now.

James Smart, age 13

'Half My Facebook Friends are Ferrets' is really funny, I laughed out loud several times. *This book is more of a boy's book but I think girls would still find funny. The book is a diary of a 15 year old "metal head" boy who has a list of things to do before he turns 16. Even though this book isn't full of adventure and dragon slaying etc. It's still fun to read and a good story line.*

Katie Evans, age 14

At first glance the book didn't really appeal to me. Being a girl, the cover of the book didn't look like the type of book I would pick from the shelf. When I read the blurb, however, it sounded quite interesting, although it still came across as

a book a boy would be more likely to choose.

As I started to read the first few pages it shocked me how much I enjoyed it and soon I found myself not being able to put it down. The book is set out like a diary, with the main character's current date, time and location. Personally I like this, as it's a nice change.

The main character is Josh Walker, who at first is portrayed as a rock star wannabe with dorky friends. As you read on you discover that, though this is true, he is also sweet, charming and extremely funny. He turns out to be quite cool. Josh and his friends are stereotyped into being unpopular, but as you will find out, there is a twist in the plot. Josh is also very into rock and heavy metal and he talks about this throughout the book. I'm not particularly into that genre of music but I found it didn't really matter.

*Josh lives a typical teenage life with a strict mum and high school crushes, and it gives us girls an insight into the lives of boys and what they think about, whilst the boys reading this will be able to relate to what he is saying. **Overall, I found this book really enjoyable and I would highly recommend it, especially to teenagers. I would happily read it again.***

Edward Dunford, age 10

*This tome of staggering genius is definitely worth the time it takes to read; **its continuous humour, chilling twists and epic characters really give a fascinating insight into a sixteen year old boy's life** while at the same time changing the way you think about getting older forever! Basically just...**READ IT!!!!***

Vicki Sharman, adult

*Right so I'm not a young adult at 42 but think aiming this at 13+ years is a little bit wrong I would say maybe 10 to 11 maybe! It's an alright book for that age range and one I think they would enjoy. I didn't hate it as it took me back to that age but through the eyes of a boy yet I'm not sure boys would like it either.. **It's a comfortable read nothing nasty, completely innocent and simple to get into** (it only took me a day to read). I guess I'm trying to say that it's an ok book.*

Conor Kelly, age 16 - St. Colm's High School

This book is about a boy called Josh Walker. He has written a list of things he would like to do before his 16th birthday. He feels like a nerd but would love to be a rock star.

One of the things on his list is to own a Flying V Jackson guitar, with blue ghost flames. But it costs nearly £500. He is hoping to play Metallicas' "One" on it.

*He gets a job at the Diving Duck. It is here he finds his sisters' boyfriend cheating on her. He saves all of his wages; and during this time his pet ferret Ozzy (named after the Black Sabbath singer Ozzy Osborne) goes missing. One of his friends, Peter, has racked up a bill of more than £300 calling a gay charity phone line. He lends him the money to pay off the bill. There is a lot going on in this story but it is really **funny and enjoyable**.*

Really loved this story.