

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Infinity Drake: The Sons of Scarlatti by John McNally

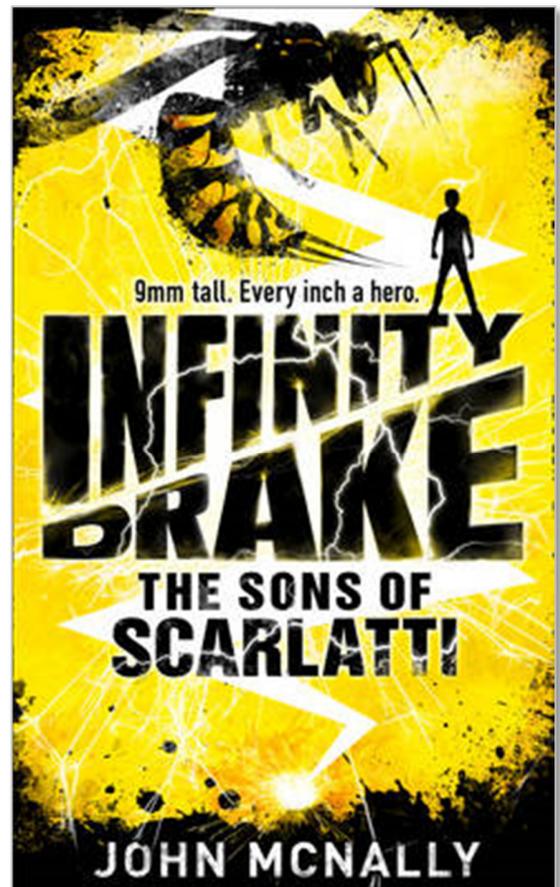
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Tilly Dickinson, age 9

Finn accidentally gets caught up in a mission to track down the Scarletti, a wasp which is also a bio weapon. Four people, 9mm tall and only four days to save mankind.

Anyone who loves science and adventure would love this book, it has a great mix of complication and humor. Finn was meant to be in school, his slightly crazy scientist Uncle Al was meant to be taking him on holiday when suddenly he is taken to a top secret lab where they have discovered a lethal bio weapon, Scarlatti.

Three soldiers are chosen for the mission which includes being shrunk to 9mm with specialist equipment to tackle Scarlatti, the bio weapon wasp. Finn notices all is not right with preparations and tries to help unfortunately succeeding in his own capture, shrinkage and inclusion in the mission. Together with Delta, Kelly, and Stubbs, Finn takes on Kaparis, the villain who also has awesome technology and frightening methods. They discover things about themselves and all earn respect of each other, there are some things a kid knows better than an adult. Four days is all they get to stop the threat to man-kind and meanwhile Uncle Al has to deal with the government, scientists and Gran!



Dylan Sweet, age 10

This brilliant book is an amazing story about a boy named Finn and

his awesome adventure. He was just about to start his summer holiday driving his Uncle Al when they were pulled over by a helicopter and that's when the story begins.

My favourite scene is when Finn has to lie to his grandmother on the phone and he doesn't want to but the prime minister orders him to, in a loud whisper.

My favourite character is Yo-yo the dog because he is funny and energetic and I particularly like a sentence in the book; 'you pack a bag?' Al snapped at him. 'Yep!' 'Got your passport, checked the date?' 'Yep!' 'Yap!' added Yo-yo.'

I would rate this book three and three-quarters out of five stars. I would recommend this book for boys and tom-girls. So **start reading fantastic book and I'll promise you'll enjoy it.**

Alice East, age 9

This was a fantastic book because it was jam packed with lots of action and adventure. As well as being an exciting read it also made me laugh out loud.

Finn (Infinity Drake) is a very clever boy and knows loads about bugs and insects which is very interesting. He was likeable and I enjoyed following his adventures. All the way through the book trouble kept on finding him.

If you like reading books with lots of action and adventure in them then you will enjoy this book a lot.

I would recommend this book to girls and boys.

Rohan Delamere, age 8

A giant uber-wasp gets attacked by a military team and Finn aged 12 is caught up in the cross-fire!

This is about a boy called Infinity (aka Finn) who is staying with his scientist uncle when they are told to go to a secret meeting because an evil villain let a giant monster wasp that could destroy the world unless Finn's uncle can shrink a team of soldiers to destroy it but Finn is shrunk too and has to go to with the team to destroy it. What will happen now? I give this book 9 and a half out of 10 and recommend it for ages 8-12.

Sam Harper, age 10

Infinity Drake is an ordinary boy who has an extraordinary adventure. There are mutant, flesh eating wasps, villains and lots of weapons which is a lot to face when you're only 9mm tall.

Infinity Drake, Finn for short, is an ordinary boy living with his Grandma, who has an extraordinary adventure. While she is away on a knitting cruise, he takes a holiday with his scientist uncle, Al, which will change his life forever. Al and Finn are called in to help deal with a crisis. One of the Scarlatti, a mutant, flesh eating wasp developed by the US military during the Cold War, has been released from cold-storage by the villain Kaparis. Al proposes that they release a second Scarlatti and shrink a team of humans to track it to the first Scarlatti before they breed and swarm. Finn gets mixed up in everything and is accidentally shrunk along with the team. He has to face helicopter crashes and giant insects and birds as well as attacks by the Scarlatti and Kaparis' agents. It is very exciting and a lot to face when you are only 9mm tall. They have to strap a helicopters afterburner to a toy jeep in order to escape but they have lots of weapons and they are helped by Yo-yo the dog and Hudson, Finn's school friend. Will they defeat the Scarlatti and the evil Kaparis? Will they ever get back to normal size?

This was a really exciting read and I don't think that the adventure is over yet!

Katie Johnson, age 10

Definitely a book for boys! Full of action and military detail.

It was a very different style of book than I would normally read, so I found it took me a long time to get into it. But it was an intriguing storyline with lots of new information.

I will be passing it on to my brother!

Alex Faulkner, age 9

A confusing book that was hard to understand what was happening.

I found this book quite hard to read because the book went straight into the story without describing the characters. This meant I could not understand the story and I didn't find it interesting. Also I thought this book was more for older children. My older sister read it and she thought it was interesting but gave you no details about the background so was confusing.

Jodi Coffman, age 12

An exciting, different and page-turning story. If you like adventures with a difference you will absolutely love this!

What a wonderfully exciting book this is. I couldn't put it down and wanted to read the whole story in one go. It is so different from anything I have read and is dramatic at every turn. I loved the secret life of Uncle Al and wondering what Finn's grandma would make of all this. Finn is a fun sidekick. Highly recommended!

Robert White, age 10

This book is full of action and whacky science fiction style ideas. However, I found the story really difficult to follow and didn't really enjoy reading it.

Infinity Drake is left in the care of his uncle while his grandma, who he lives with, goes on holiday. Infinity gets dragged into an international crisis - unless Infinity and his uncle can stop the spread of a killer wasp which has been released in a village near to London, two thirds of the Earth's population face death.

This story is told as a series of mission reports and interviews –like a diary. I found the story difficult to read because there were too many story lines going on at once and a lot of it was told through dialogue rather than narrative. I found it hard to keep track of all the different characters and to work out how it all fitted together. I like some of the science fiction ideas like shrinking to 12 mm and flying a miniature apache but struggled to keep reading.

I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone aged 10 or under but may try to read it again as a teenager.