Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of
Jumble Cat
by Archie Kimpton, Illustrated by Kate Hindley

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Ariella Gлatherine, age 6

A really good chapter book with lots of chapters - brilliant cliffhangers to keeping me reading.

The beginning of this book was brilliant and then it got even better - the end was super-duper! When we got to the end of a chapter I wanted to keep going. There were scary bits, really funny bits and it was all an exciting adventure. This was such a good book we read it all over the place - at home, on the bus, visiting family, in the garden, at a cafe, snuggled up together on a chair and at the park and in bed too. When I finish this review, I want to start reading it again! There are lots of good characters - my favourite was Jumblecat and my Mum's is Mrs Mandiddee. The heros seemed like real people (& cats!). When my Mum was reading to me I would cheer on Billy Slipper in my head! What a good ending - let's start reading it again!

Great to read in my head and to share out loud.

Isabel, age 7

I really enjoyed this book, it was a little bit tricky but my Mummy and Daddy helped me with some of the words.

A long book for me but I really liked it especially the bit where Jumble Cat ate
all the bourbons!

I liked it when Billy found his sniffing twig as well. A really good book to read for girls or boys.

Emily Golding, age 7

A funny exciting story that everyone should read. A 10/10 book. This book made me very happy.

This was a really good book that I found hard to put down once I started it. It made me laugh out loud to read all about the Slipper family and Jumblecat. There were parts that were exciting, funny, a little bit scary (in a good way) and some bits that made me feel sorry for Billy. I really enjoyed reading this and think that everyone should read it.

Ellen Cox, age 7

I couldn’t wait to keep reading this book! I can’t wait until everyone can read it - I think they will enjoy it.

My favourite characters in the book were Jumblecat (funny and loud), Billy (silly but also sensible) and Mrs Mandiddee (curious).

My favourite part of the story was when Mrs Mandiddee picked up Colonel Beauvrille. It was really funny to think of an old lady picking up a big man.

I couldn’t wait to finish this book. I want my friends to be able to read it as I think they will enjoy it.

Evie Aconley, age 7

Fantastic fun read all, about Jumble Cat, a brilliant cat all jumbled up and his friend billy and what adventures they get up to together.

A really fun happy and joyful book, the illustrations of Billy and Jumble Cat are great. The descriptions really make you feel like you are there with Billy and Jumble Cat. I loved this story!! I would like to read more of their adventures too.

Erica Motoc, age 7

Once there was a boy called Billy Slipper. There was one ordinary day in the Slipper household; Billy calling his twin Mindy a ‘moose face’. So Billy went for
a walk in one of his favourite places, Tumble Down Hill, where he sees a kitten meowing which rolls down the hill straight into a bramble bush, all bits of his body jumbled up. And it starts to talk. Billy takes the cat home to his mother, which makes his mum furious, as she hates animals, especially cats, so he goes to his next neighbour, Mrs Mandiddee, where he signs up for weird creatures competition.

My favourite character is Mrs Mandiddee, as she is so young for an old person. I hope you read the rest to find out what happens as I did. My mum called me for breakfast but I couldn’t put the book down. That’s how interesting it is to read!

Libby & Jenny Bridgeman, age 6 & 9

Very rarely do we review a book before we’ve finished it but felt we had to, this book is amazing!! It's for fans of David Walliams but Archie Kimpton has him beat because he made Libby and Jenny both laugh where Walliams couldn't. This author is one to watch!

Rarely do you get a book based on a cheese based calamity, but the misadventures of Billy Slipper are all kicked off by a cheese sandwich. Through this he meets the talking Jumblecat, who is a literal, Jumblecat under a curse who has been put back together all wrong. He has to deal with an obsessive mother, a horrible twin and a talking cat and it's hilarious. More please!

Brodie Greenslade, age 8

‘Jumblecat’ is a very exciting book, full of unusual animals, adventure and fun!

‘Jumblecat’ is a great story about a boy named Billy who would like to have a pet but his extremely hygienic mother hates animals because she thinks they're dirty. When Billy finds Jumblecat – a very mixed-up moggy – he must somehow find the money to pay a vet to un-jumble him. Billy hopes to win the prize money from the Strangest Creature Competition but straight after the competition both the money and Jumblecat go missing, along with many other animals (including a cute tiny hippo)!

Billy must get Jumblecat and the other animals back before something terrible happens...

I liked ‘Jumblecat’ as it was adventurous, fun and the characters and animals
were great. I read the whole book in one afternoon because I couldn't put it down!

Lucy Keaveny, age 8

‘Jumblecat’ is not like any other cat. He is a jumbled up cat. When Billy discovers this strange cat that not only does not look right but also talks his life changes in ways he could not imagine.

The discovery of a cat that is all jumbled up is the beginning of an exciting adventure. Poor Billy has a twin who is horrible and a mum who is also mean. Jumblecat and the lady next door are his only friends but Billy’s mum and sister do not want him to keep Jumblecat. At first the idea of entering the pet show seems a great plan to win some money but it might mean losing Jumblecat. A great book for anyone who likes an adventure story with lots of humour.

Katie Lonsdale - Mum to Emily, age 8 and Oliver age 6

Interesting book about a cat who falls down a hill and gets up looking really mixed up with his head where his bottom should be etc.

I chose to review this book for my children as the age range is 9-12yrs and so was a bit old for my two. I think the age range is pretty accurate. The book is a fascinating story about a boy who finds a mixed up cat and his plight to put it right. Along the way he befriends an elderly neighbour who helps him, chats with the cat who turns out to be very funny as he is so rude and a baron who stuffs animals for a living.

It’s quite scary towards the end with the main character being quite vile and the plot very fast moving with lots of twists and turns. So I chose not to read it with either of my younger children.

It’s a shame the cover looks so inviting for younger readers as I really wouldn’t read it with anyone under nine and even then I think those children of a sensitive nature might struggle a bit. As an adult it was an intriguing book. One I will put away for a few years for my children.
Daniel, age 7

*I think that people should read this book because it's funny and there are lots of weird names in it. I can't wait to read another book by the same writer.*

Jumble cat is a jumbled up cat! Billy met Jumble cat when he was rolling down a hill. They enter the 'Weird Animals Competition'. I think that people should read this book because it's funny and there are lots of weird names in it like 'Mrs. Mandiddee' and 'FeistyCat' and 'Kitty Chitty Chatter'. I can't wait to read another book by the same writer.

Judith A. Smith, age 8 ½

*I love this book so much I would really like this to turn into a series. This book us the very best book I have ever read. I love the adjectives so tempting to use some in my writing.*

Jumblecat is probably the best book I have ever read. This book is amazing I couldn't put it down, it kept me busy. I loved the characters especially Mrs Mandididdee, who is 94 and has sisters who live all over the world. I love this book so much I would really love it if there was another story about Jumblecat and it could turn into a series. The preview of the illustrations are great and I love the adjectives used to describe the characters and I will use them in my own stories. I could picture Deadham Castle there was so much description put into it. I have really enjoyed reading Jumblecat.

Alexander Bisland, age nearly 9!

*I liked this book as it was very exciting and funny!* The story is about a boy called Billy Slipper who finds a cat called Jumblecat. Jumblecat isn’t an ordinary cat, he’s a jumbled up cat and has legs where his arms should be and arms where his head should be and he is really rude!

Billy’s family isn’t a normal family: his mum is mean like his sister and she has very bad OCD and she also hates animals, his twin sister is mean to him and is the opposite of him and his dad is just a normal dad who just watches TV and doesn’t answer back! His best friend Mrs Mandiddee, is an old lady who lives next door to him.

Mrs Mandiddee and Billy look after the cat and enter him into a competition for the strangest pet so that they can win some money in order to fix him. When
they win the competition, Mrs Slipper sells the cat to the organiser of the competition called Colonel Beauvrille and this is when the adventure begins.... Can they save Jumblecat and find Colonel Beauvrille’s castle or do they fail???????

I enjoyed this book because it was funny. I liked the pictures of Jumblecat and Billy at the back of the book and I think they will look great in the final copy of the book. I recommend this book to girls and boys aged 8+ because it’s a long book but it’s very enjoyable.

I give it ********

Melissa Broomfield, age 7 and her mum.

This is a great book, with wonderful descriptions and a warm sense of humour running through it.

Melissa describes it as

“This is awesome because it has great descriptions. The words are quite tricky for a seven year old but it was great to read with my mum. It made me laugh!”

It was a great book to read with my child and I am going to suggest that my ten year old reads it as well, as I think he will love the humour.

This would be great book for teachers to read with a class as it would be a great inspiration to help children improve their writing with descriptions such as “earbleedingly awful”.

Ethan Douglas, age 9

Billy Slipper collects strange things. One day he goes to Tumbledown Hill and finds a cat which is all jumbled up. He looks after the cat with the help of his next door neighbour. I liked this book because it is original - I haven’t heard anything like it before.

Elspeth Paterson, age 9 and 11 months

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I absolutely loved this amusing novel and the creativity the author has put into the story. It shows that a cat can be a boy’s best friend even if it is jumbled up! It is a story about the Slipper family, a family who does crazy things. Billy is the “star” of the book Jumblecat’s friend, a collector of all sorts of things. Just like me! The Mum Phillipa, is nuts about keeping things clean which is hard to do when your son collects lots of things. Dad is a milkman and is quite lazy. Mindy is their daughter, a twin to Billy. Mindy likes getting Billy into trouble. If you visit their house you would probably hear Billy’s name get shouted a lot!

I like Kate Hindley’s pictures for this amazing book because they tell the story well. They are funny and descriptive illustrations. It is a great book and I recommend it to all ages. I want to read some more of Kimpton’s stories and hear about other adventures.