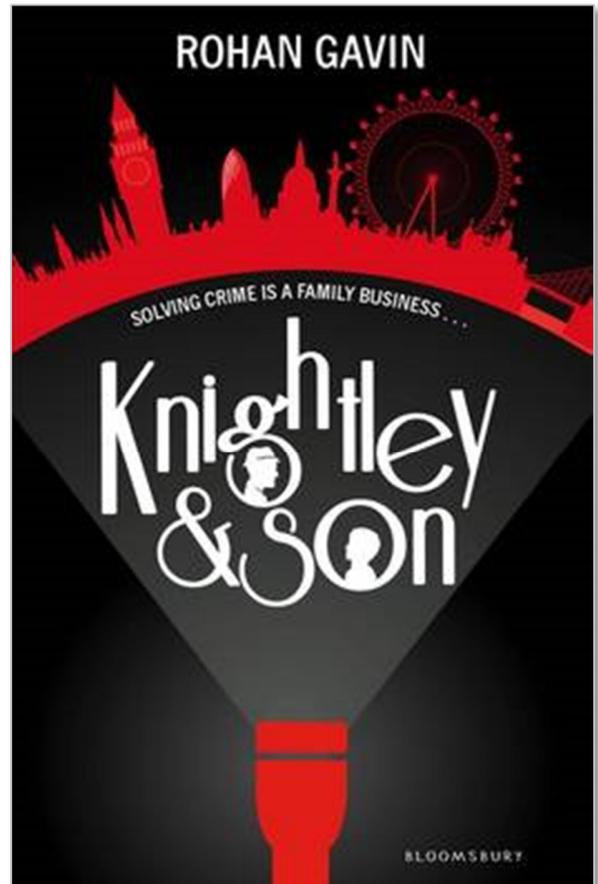


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Knightley & Son by Rohan Gavin

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Sam Harper, age 10

Darkus Knightley is not your average 13 year old. He is super intelligent, loves wearing tweed and has a father in a coma. His dad was once London's top private detective but since he fell into a coma four years ago the evil organisation which he was tracking has used his coma to their advantage and become stronger. They have published 'The Code', a book which enhances peoples worst fears, and they are then able to hypnotise the readers and use them to commit crimes. Darkus discovers his dad's old investigation files and spends time reading them which proves vital when the files are later destroyed and his dad awakens. Darkus and his father work together with Scotland Yard officer, Montague Billoch, to trace the villains to their lair but they are only a small part of the huge, evil organisation, the Combination. Will Knightley and Son succeed and will they be able to track down the rest of the Combination in the next books in the series?



This story was filled with excitement, mystery and clues to solve. It is an amazing start to the series and I can't wait to read the rest.

Traviss Chaytors, age 10

An outstanding book filled with everything from sadness to amazingness.

'Knightley & Son' is a wonderful book about a young boy called Darkus who lives with his mum called Jackie, his step dad Clive and his step sister Tilly. Darkus is a very clever boy who loves reading about the mysteries his father solved, his real father was London's top private eye detective Alan Knightly, but at the moment he is in a coma waiting to rise but when he does will he succeed his mission with doc, short for Darkous, called the combination!...

This book is an extra exciting book filled with adventure and sadness and I would say it's the best book I've done a review on. I would recommend this book to people who like Sherlock Holmes or any detective books.

Elizabeth Moffat, age 9

This book is great because it is full of surprises, twists and turns. At certain times I laughed out loud.

'Knightley & Son' by Rohan Gavin is a great book about solving crime and a secret organisation called 'The Combination'. My favourite character was Bill because he is Scottish like me and really funny. I laughed out loud as Bill played the bagpipes. I thought it was suitable for children aged 9+ as younger children may get confused. If I looked at this book in a shop I would probably not have picked it to read because it looks like a boy's book but I am really glad I read it because girls will really enjoy it too.

Luke Dutton, age 12

'Knightley and Son' is a book about a son and his dad who work together. Alan Knightley was one of London's top detectives until one day he fell into a coma for four years. When he comes out of the coma, he is ready to solve crimes as before.

But a major problem arises for the two when a best-selling book company starts making people commit crimes. The question is will Knightley and Son solve the crime?

You have to read the book to find out...

I found the book really good because the storyline is a great idea and because it grabs your attention straight away, pulling you in. I give

the book five out of five stars.

I recommend it to children aged nine years old and upwards. I can't wait for more of the series to come out.

Lauren Coffman, age 13

I really enjoyed this book. It was a page turner from the beginning and the story was unpredictable throughout. I would highly recommend this book.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and could not put it down. The book is about a detective, Alan Knightley, who after years of detective work falls into an unexplained coma. Whilst asleep his son, Darkus, has been researching his Dad's work from evidence his Dad left. When Alan eventually awakes he returns to work immediately and his son is eager to help despite his father's misgivings. The father eventually gives in appreciating how much his son has learnt about his work. They set out together to destroy the 'Combination', a criminal organisation and their exploits in doing this are exciting to read. I particularly warmed to Darkus as I could relate to his determined, cool nature and the relationship between them was fascinating. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys adventure and crime novels.

Alex Crisp, age 8

This story is a breath-taking puzzle about a deadly book called 'The Code'. It features a man who has been sleeping for four years, and his teenage son who longs to be like him and to work with him.

While his father has been asleep, Darkus has been reading his case notes because he wants to be a detective. When Knightley wakes up, the case notes are stolen, and he has to rely on Darkus' memory of them. Together, and with some help from Darkus' step-sister, they investigate the strange behaviour of readers of 'The Code' and try to find its mysterious author. This is a great story that keeps you puzzled, but is a bit scary and complicated for eight year olds, as it involves the supernatural. I would recommend this for slightly older children.

Jake Norton, age 10

Darkus Knightley is no ordinary teenager. He's thirteen, with a brain the size of a planet and he's the son of a famous private detective. Solving mysteries runs

in the family and Darkus aims to be as good as Dad one day.

For four years his father has lain in a coma, but suddenly he's woken up and together they begin a fantastic journey of discovery. A visit from an eccentric and slightly unhinged friend of Alan Knightley, who worked alongside him in the top secret Ministry of the Unexplained, changes their lives forever!

Darkus' father is a really old school detective, but his talented teenage son has plenty of new school ideas, which makes for a great partnership.

'Knightley & Son' was fun to read, with lots of clever twists and turns to the plot. It keeps you guessing right up to the last page. I loved it and would definitely recommend it.

Chloe Pickering, age 9

Knightley & Son are a detective team that work with Uncle Bill to solve mysteries that are unsolved. Darkus is desperate to show his dad that he has the detective skills but will his dad let him have the chance? Find out in this exciting new mystery series.

I really like how he lets us find the clues so we can try and work out the mystery and the way he describes the characters and their feelings.

*I would definitely read another text by this author **as I found it very exciting and I would recommend this book to friends and family***

Kalilah

Awesomeness vs Evil: an epic battle!

I really liked 'Knightley & Son' because the main character is so cool and untypical:

- Darkus Knightley is not an average thirteen-year-old.*
- He does not want to live an ordinary life (well, sort of).*
- He wears tweed suits.*

The plot is good; creepy and crafty, with enough mysteries to keep you guessing but I liked the story more for the character development than anything else.

Can't wait for the further adventures of 'Knightley & Son.'

Lucy Minton, age 10

'Knightley and Son' is a thrilling adventure which had me hooked with its exciting plot.

'Knightley & Son' is a thrilling adventure following the twists and turns of an exciting quest to solve a mystery that seems unsolvable. Could a bestselling book really be behind all the strange goings on? Is it really the work of the sinister organisation known as 'The Combination'? Darkus (known as Dorkus by his school friends) thinks his life has become worthwhile again when he finds his Dad in the kitchen. This is unusual because Alan hasn't been seen conscious for four years. Until now. I enjoyed 'Knightley and Sons' because it portrays lots of emotion between Alan and Darkus, making them a good team. This book had me hooked because it also had an exciting plot which was unlike any other book I have read. Finally 'Knightley and Son' was good because of the different and unusual characters.

Alex Faulkner, age 9

I found this book interesting and funny.

It had lots of description which made the story exciting. I was always thinking what will happen next? It is a very good book. ! I loved it!

As a young reader, I like funny books. And some people like adventures. Some like scary books.

This book has all of them in. I recommend this book for children 8-12. IT IS AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!

Katie Johnson, age 9

I absolutely loved this book. Full of mystery, drama and suspense, this phenomenal story made me read on to see what happened to Darkus and Alan Knightley. I was fascinated by the Code's secrets. The tension builds up by every turn of the page, and I found it a truly heartwarming tale.

I would definitely recommend it!

Dylan Sweet, age 10

'Change your life now. Intrigued, he continued reading.

You hold the key for unlocking your future, your power, your potential. 'The Code' has been handed down over thousands of years in order to find its way into your hands right now.'

This book is an amazing detective story about a man called Knightly and a boy called Darkus who have a great adventure. *My favourite but sad scene was when suspect number two gets run over by a double decker bus. My favourite character is Uncle Bill. I like him because he has an Irish accent and is quite funny. I recommend this book for girls who like detectives, and boys aged twelve plus. I would rate it three and a half stars. It inspired me to read more detective books. **I hope you enjoy reading this book.***

Alexander Butler, age 9

This book was absolutely brilliant - fabulous! The story is about Darkus (a little boy) and Alan (his Dad) who try to solve crimes together.

Darkus doesn't really want to be a hero, but it just kind of happens. My favourite part was when Darkus and Tilly (his step-sister) are underground and they get into trouble, but have lots of adventures.

The unexplained "Combination" at the beginning of the story is what holds the tension all the way to the end.

I would highly recommend this book.

Charlie Perkin, age 12

*In my opinion, 'Knightley & Son' is a very good book. **A witty, very formal book that describes the love of a father & son.** This book was written by Rohan Gavin, a car, mysterious and conspiracy theorist living in London. His **amazing descriptions and way with words make it a great read.***

