

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Luck Uglies by Paul Durham

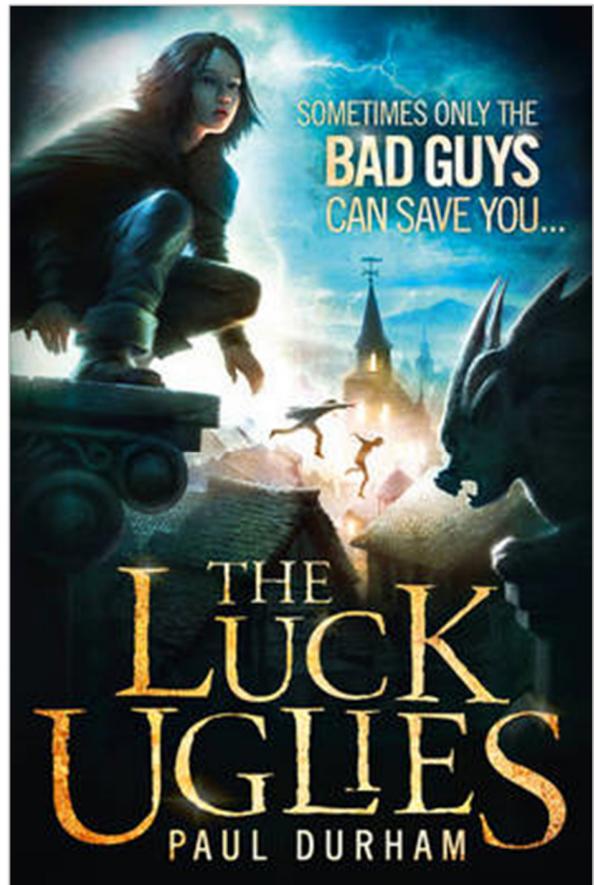
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Sam Harper, age 10**

*A really brilliant, alternative adventure. Exciting, funny and full of fantastic characters. I'm looking forward to Rye's next adventure already!*

*When Rye goes into the bogs to save her cat Shady she nearly gets eaten by a hideous Bog Noblin. These are huge creatures with poisonous bites, who eat people but fortunately Harmless is there to rescue her. The village of Drowning, with it's system of tunnels beneath it and dark woods and bogs surrounding it, is a dangerous place to live. In the past the Earl made a treaty with the Luck Uglies, villainous, mask wearing thieves, to rid the village of the Bog Noblins. But the Earl's son broke the treaty and double crossed the Luck Uglies and now the villagers have no one to protect them and the Bog Noblins are rising again. Rye and her friends, Quinn and Folly, must convince the Luck Uglies to help but the Earl is still against them and Harmless is trapped in the dungeons. Will Rye be able to call the Luck Uglies herself? Will Folly's potions be any use? Will Harmless be able to escape in time and who is he anyway?*

*The Luck Uglies is a really brilliant, alternative adventure. It is exciting, funny and full of fantastic characters. I loved Folly and her potions and the threatening Bog Noblins with their weird necklaces were really scary. I'm looking forward to Rye's next adventure already!*



**Dylan Sweet, age 10**

*Rye and her two friends had never intended to steal the banned book from The Angry Poet – they'd just hoped to read it.*

*Sometimes when you are in a tricky situation, the only people that can help you are the bad guys. This is a book about Rye and her friends roaming the streets of Drowning. My favourite character is probably Lottie as she is very funny and a bit weird. My favourite scene has to be at the start when they are running away from the Poet with the book. I would recommend for boys and girls 10 plus who like mystery tales. I would rate this book three star. **This isn't my type of book but I'm sure many others will like it as it is well written and the plot is very clever.***

**Charlotte Rosevear, age 10**

***This book was brilliant. You could tell the author was trying to keep you on your toes! I really enjoyed it.** The book is about a girl called Rye and her father is a... sshhhh!! A LUCK UGLY!!!! The word is whispered around all of the village. A TALE says that the luck uglies stole longchances wife, and tied her in a bog and she was never seen again. But that's a tale.*

**Thomas Newman, aged 8**

***I really liked this book. It was great because it was so different from anything I'd read before. A very exciting book. I kept wondering what would happen next.***

**Mary Louise Kerr, age 14 - St. Colm's High School**

*The way the author writes reminds me of a fairytale with a twist, and targeted at teenagers. I loved the names of the characters, villains and creatures, and the street names and parts of the Village Drowning were also really quirky.*

*The citizens are banned from owning or reading books by the cruel Earl Morningwig Longchance. They are also prohibited from wandering outside the boundary of the town "beyond the Shale". They have been inundated by scary tales of the Bog Noblins. These are horrible creatures who live in the woods and eat children. The big ones are pretty gruesome, but I felt a bit sorry for the baby Bog Noblin, Leatherleaf, who was captured and caged.*

*The story centres around Rye and her friends, Folly and Quinn and how they*

*find out the truth about the long war between the Luck Uglies and the Earl.*

*Who are the Luck Uglies?*

*Who is the stranger, Harmless, and how does he feature in Rye's life?*

*Who and what are the Gloaming Beasts and how will they influence events in the story?*

*Will the villagers ever find courage to go O'There, the elusive land of milk and honey which they all dream about?*

***This was a long tale, but the colourful characters and the fast pace kept me enthralled. I feel there will be more adventures for Rye in future books. It was a really great read and I would recommend it to boys and girls age 10 to 15.***

*Well done Paul Durham and I am looking forward to the continuing saga of 'The Luck Uglies'.*

**Jemima Wilcox, age 9**

***It is an exciting adventure book set in a fantasy world and quite scary in parts with a girl as the action hero. I really want to read the next one.***

*I really enjoyed this book. It's an exciting adventure set in a entirely different world: it's medieval-ish but with monsters. My favourite part was the start, it was so unusual to begin on a rooftop. I love the description of the characters, it was so good I really thought I was Rye especially when she was parkouring! It was really good that the action hero was a girl. My favourite character is Shady their pet cat. I really didn't know what was going to happen next and I wanted to know! There were many scary and exciting bits but I didn't find the end scary enough. The glossary is really good and interesting. This is the first in a series and I real want to find out what Rye does next. I would recommend this to anyone my age and up who likes adventure and fantasy together.*

**Rachel Ilsley, age 11**

*This is a wonderful story set in a new amazing world where all sorts of strange and evil creatures live. Paul Durham describes Rye, the main character, so well I think that I have known her my whole life, with short brown hair and a tendency to fall over she is a great friend to Folly and Quinn, her best friends. The O' Chanters live on Mud Puddle Lane in Drowning, they are a small but*

*exciting family with a wild two year old Lottie then naughty Riley (Rye.) Abbey O' Chanter is their amazing mother who isn't like your normal mother (she keeps a knife called Fair Warning up her skirt!)*

*Join Rye as she discovers secrets and learns about the terrible Luck Uglies.*

***I love this incredible book and I really hope there will be a next one. Paul Durham is a great writer; I couldn't put this superb book down.***

**Alice East, age 9**

***This was a very exciting book set 100's of years ago when evil creatures roamed the streets at night. Rye discovers a secret world and outlaws known as the Luck Uglies.***

*Rye soon realises that the Luck Uglies are not a threat to her and can help save the village from evil.*

*I liked that it was really different from other books as it had lots of monsters that were actually good but everyone thought they were evil.*

*I would recommend this book to boy and girls who like to read stories with mythical creatures.*

**Aoife Bolger, age 11**

***The book 'The Luck Uglies' has a thrilling plot of adventure and fear as well as a twist when was least expected. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and would definitely recommend it to my family/friends.***

*The story is about a girl called Rye who has grown up hearing the legend and tales of the vicious outlaws: The Luck Uglies, who once prowled the streets in search of danger. However, now, those legends had faded to rumours and the village isn't even sure they ever existed. Therefore, on the night of the Black Moon, Rye is in for the biggest shock of her life. On a mission to save the village, Rye realises that she has to trust the enemy to survive...*

*I would rate this book 5/5 because I just couldn't stop reading it. I loved the book right from the beginning to the very last sentence.*

**William Longlands, age 10**

***9/10. I never got bored with it and only stopped reading it when forced.***

*Altogether a really good book but in parts it could have done with a little more description of what was happening. I liked the fact that I couldn't really guess what was going to happen next.*

*This was a fantasy book with some fighting in it and some humour. This is a story about never giving up even if things are going badly or you don't think you can do it.*