

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Letter For The King by Tonke Dragt Translated by Laura Watkinson

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Dylan Sweet, age 10

This is a fantastic book about a boy called Tiuri who is about to be knighted. However, there is an interruption that sends him on a quest to give an important letter to the King Unauwen. He meets a travelling companion in the mountains named Piak who is his trustworthy assistant throughout the dangerous quest.

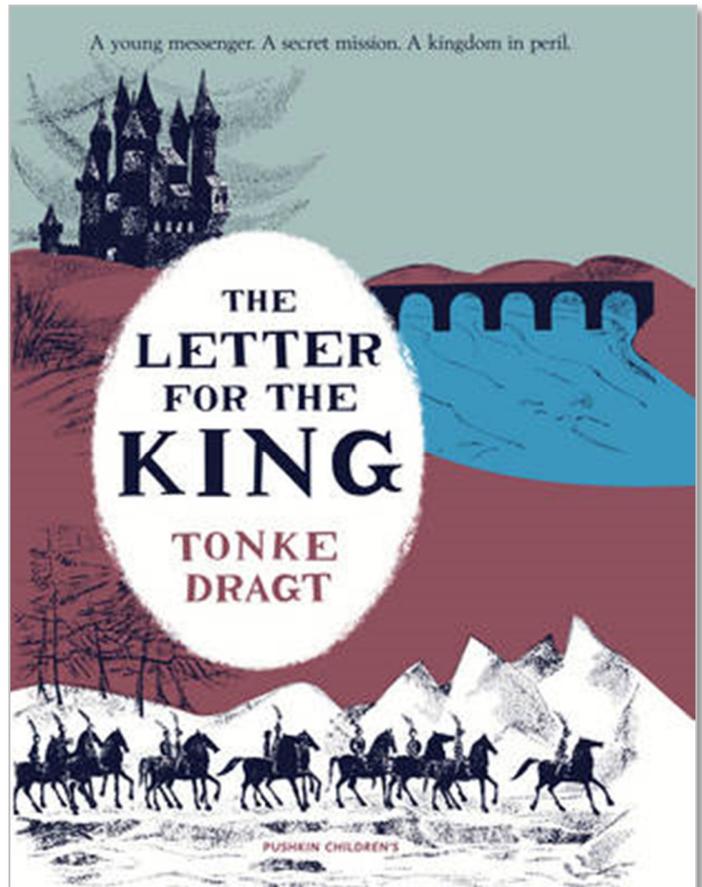
His journey leads from the chapel, to the Yikarvana Inn, to the Fools Cabin, across the wood to the monastery, over to Castle Mistrinaut, going to Westenaut, to go over the mountains to find a whole new adventure.

I think this brilliant book is an inspiration to readers who have a good sense of adventure. *If you pick up this book and worry about length, don't worry, because it will take you a short amount of time to read as you will never be able to put the book down.*

I would rate this four stars for its imagination and use of vocabulary. It is for ages ten plus and is for girls and boys.

Ellen Faulkner, age 12

'The Letter For The King' is a gripping story about a young boy, soon to be knighted, who runs off to deliver a letter to the King across the



great mountains. He must not trust anyone. I love this book.

The Letter for the King by Tonke Dragt is about a young boy called Tiuri who is about to be knighted by King Dagonaut. He must spend hours in a chapel in silent contemplation. But, as he waits for morning to come, there is a knock on the door. A letter must be delivered to King Unauwen over the Great Mountains. It is a journey fraught with danger and difficulty. He must go through dark, sinister forests, creepy castles, slippery mountain slopes and through cities of people who are not quite what they seem. He finds enemies everywhere, but he also finds the best of friends. He must never reveal to anyone what is inside the envelope. He must not trust anyone. And it may cost him his knighthood...

The book is set in the past, a time where knights roamed the land and kept the peace. Tiuri is a young boy of sixteen and is the son of Tiuri the Valiant. He is a brave young boy, who will do anything for the right cause and justice. He is an emotional being who does not want to escape his vigil but has to for the greater good.

Piak is a young mountain boy who is eager to help Tiuri with his task. He longs for a taste of the city. Tonke Dragt doesn't describe their appearances, but instead their feelings and thoughts. She makes them real in what they do, not what they look like.

It is no wonder that 'The Letter for the King' was chosen as the Children's Book of the Year. It is a gripping story which I couldn't put down!

Robert White, age 10

'The Letter for the King' is a gripping, fast paced, difficult to put down classic adventure set in medieval times. I loved it!

After years of preparing to be knights, Tiuri and his friends are spending the eve of their knighting ceremony in a vigil in a local chapel where they are contemplating their new responsibilities as knights. Suddenly, Tiuri is disturbed by knocks on the door. Disobeying his orders, and breaking his vigil, he opens it and talks to the man outside. The mysterious old man gives Tiuri a very important letter to give to the unnamed 'Black Knight with the White Shield'. Tiuri goes searching for the knight, only to find himself on a difficult and treacherous quest to deliver the letter to King Unawen in a distant kingdom. Helped by the four Grey Riders, 'Avengers of the Winds', a hermit and Piak a young shepherd boy, Tiuri makes his way over the mountains. On his way he is robbed, thrown in jail and encounters many other life endangering

situations. Does Tiuri have the courage and bravery to complete his quest?

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure stories about knights in medieval times. I rate 'The Letter for the King' 10 out of 10.

Amie Coffman, age 9

An intense and exciting, albeit very long book which is vastly different from anything I have read before!

Don't let the length of this book put you off. It is exciting from the first page and drags you into the exciting make believe land in which the main character lives. *I loved the fast moving story and had huge respect for Tiuri who never gave up despite facing grave difficulties on his epic journey. I loved the descriptions in the book and the cleverness of the author in making all parts of the story link up. I would highly recommend this book.*

Mukunth Kowsik, age 11

A fantastic book full of courage and bravery that 'Hobbit' fans would really love to read, with loads of action and suspense.

'The Letter for the King' is a fantastic story of bravery and friendship and courage. Tiuri, the protagonist, is the son of a well-known and respected knight. On the day he is going to be knighted, there is a visitor with an urgent message. An old man arrives and requests Tiuri to take a message to the Black Knight in the adjacent kingdom. If he takes it up, Tiuri knows he will lose his knighthood, but the adventure invites him and he sets off on a stolen horse and with a secret letter. He soon finds out that he should be the one to deliver it to the King. Tiuri realises that this would be an exciting and brave adventure, but one full of danger and the possibility of death.

The suspense and action will have you on the edge of your seats. This is a 10/10 book, already famous in Europe and is a treat for fantasy, action and adventure lovers.

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Liberty Annison, age 11

'The Letter for the King' is a breathtaking book and it draws you in with a fabulous start, an even better middle and a spectacular end. I get excited when I

open the book to my page. I wish I could read it all over again, again and again. Tiuri meets so many people in his adventure, like Piak who becomes one of his best friends.

*Rating ******

Traviss Chaytors, age 10

Thrilling book and a must read for everyone capable of reading!

'The letter for the King' is an amazing book that I was so engrossed in I could not put it down. This book is about a young boy called Tiuri who is getting ready to be knighted but the night before a strange man asks Tiuri if he could deliver a letter to King Unaumen. Tiuri is not allowed to talk but the strange man insists and says that the fate of the kingdom relies on him and that nobody should know about the letter except king Unaumen. So Tiuri breaks the rules and begins his journey... I would recommend this book to people who love all sorts of adventure and drama. There are many sad parts and funny parts but my favorite part is when Tiuri has to pay 3 gold pieces to get across a bridge but tries to get across another way but then something funny happens...

Avanish, age 9

The book is full of action, adventure and a hint of mystery. If you love books that are adventurous but slow paced then this is the book for you. It's not an ordinary quest, it's different in a good way and is imaginative. After reading a few lines it grips you and sometimes I thought that I couldn't stop reading! I hope there's a sequel or maybe even a movie because it's brilliant. Even though it seemed like I couldn't stop reading I tried to read as little as I could so it would last longer! Once I finished the book it felt like one of your most favourite television shows were cancelled. Tonke Dragt is now one of my favourite authors and I would really like to read another one of his books.

Freddie, age 8

I loved this book because it is really exciting and has lots of adventures.

I would recommend this book for readers my age and up: but I think younger kids could have it read to them.