Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Wings & Co: Operation Bunny
by Sally Gardner & Illustrated by David Roberts

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Sidney Greenslade, age 10

Funny, magical and exciting, ‘Operation Bunny’ is a great story that would appeal to all fans of the weird and wonderful!

‘Operation Bunny’ is a funny, engaging story about a small girl called Emily Vole, an enormous talking cat named Fidget and a large number of small, talking, pink bunnies!

Emily was left inside a hatbox at an airport as a baby and taken to an orphanage before being adopted by the awful Dashwoods. Her new mother, Daisy Dashwood wanted a baby girl with big baby blue eyes and strawberry blonde hair so Emily with her dark hair and eyes is not really what Daisy had hoped for in a daughter.

Once Daisy finds she is expecting triplets, Emily is demoted from daughter to housemaid and her life with the Dashwoods becomes even unhappier until she meets the huge cat Fidget and next door neighbour Miss String, who finally treat Emily like a real person.

Fidget devises a clever plan to help Emily run away but someone is tailing them – a witch and her magical spirit lamp. Emily, who has unknowingly become Keeper of the Keys – the only person who can control the fairy keys – is in danger as the the witch will do anything to get her hands on the keys, even turning people into small, pink, talking bunnies!
‘Operation Bunny’ is a great book that I really enjoyed. The world the author has created is amazing – funny and magical. My favourite character was Fidget the cat – he was so cool! Emily is also a lovely, appealing character and the illustrations are beautiful. The triplets were a bit freaky though!

Cool, funny and different – I would definitely recommend ‘Operation Bunny’ and I can't wait to read it again!

Cait Galbraith, age 8

A thrilling fairytale about fairies, bunnies and cats. I would highly recommend this book.

This story tells the tale of a magical shop where the fairy wings have been locked away in a cabinet for many years. With Harpella on Emily and Fidget's tail they start an adventure through London to find the Wings and co shop. I laughed out loud when Harpella throws her lantern at the hotel manager and turns her into a bunny. My favourite character was Daisy Dashwood because she was very bossy and reminded me of my big sister. I enjoyed this book so much I couldn't put it down. I would recommend this book to my friends.

Amisha McCrystal, age 12  - St. Colm's High School

‘Operation Bunny’ is a magical book full of wonderful things, such as, bunnies, moving houses, fairies, large talking cats and a pair of mischievous keys.

The two main characters in the novel are Emily Vole, a young girl with a sad background. She has no parents, but lives with her adopted/mother/employer. ‘Employer’ because Emily does all the housework, and Fidget, Emily’s best friend, a rather large cat who can stand on his hind legs and talk.

The novel is set in the beautiful town of Malaga, which is in Spain.

One day, while Emily was outside doing the laundry, a rather large cat appeared from behind the squirrel hedge and invited Emily to his house. There she meets Miss String (a tall fairy that Emily didn’t know before) They all become best friends. But sadly, all good things must come to an end when an evil witch called Harpella-Harpella appears who is after all the fairies in the world. To trick all the fairies she uses a magic golden lamp that lures them in and makes them disappear forever. To stop this the fairies locked up their
wings in a secret safe.

Now Emily is the key-keeper and she is the only one who can help them from the wickedness of the evil Harpella.

_I would definitely read another Sally Gardner novel._ She makes the story really interesting, magical and very funny.

I loved it.

I would recommend this book to girls age 8-12.

**Grace Phelan, age 7**

_An exciting book that makes you want to be a detective yourself when you grow up._

The story is about a girl called Emily Vole. She is a little girl who lives in a really posh house with her evil stepmother, evil stepfather and sisters who are triplets. She is not happy at all to live with them because they make her their slave.

One day Emily meets an old fairy and her talking cat called Fidget and her life changes and she becomes a detective.

I enjoyed the story because there is an exciting ending and because it was funny. My favourite part was when Harpella the evil witch turned everybody into bunny rabbits. Some of the bunnies even had funny big moustaches and glasses. It made me chuckle.

It is an adventurous story with lots of weird things going on. I was very interested in the story and I think loads of seven year olds in the country would enjoy reading it too. I can’t wait to read the new book now.

**Raspberry, age 6**

_I recommend this book to people who like magic and solving mysteries._

This book is about a young girl who ran away from her adoptive parents because they made her a slave. She became a fairy detective who solved a mystery about who made a train of passengers into pink rabbits. My favourite character is Fidget the cat because it’s a talking cat and serves cakes. I liked the whole book and I recommend this book to people who like magic and solving mysteries.
James Wood, age 7

I’ve read some of Sally Gardner's other books, such as the boy with the lightning feet, and this one is really good too. It is a good and interesting story with some very funny bits.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I especially liked the bit where the main character Emily Vole thought she had a gypsy and a princess as parents. It is a funny book and a good story and I want to know what happens in the next book in the series. The book says it is about fairies, but they are not girly fairies. It was funny when mum read some of the book too me as she gave Emily's ex-adoptive-mother-stroke-employer a funny accent every time she said "Oh my days". The zombie triplets are good too.

Iris Pritchard-Williams, age 8

I think the story was very exciting, I thought the writer of ‘Operation Bunny’ had a good imagination because there was made up stuff, that was really amazing. My favourite character was Fidgit who is a big ginger and white cat who lives next door, he can talk and walk on his hind legs and he lives with Daisy and Ronald’s next door neighbour Mrs String who is secretly magic.

The main character is a little girl called Emily Vole who had been an orphan that was adopted by a young lady called Daisy and her husband Ronald (who has very red ears). Then Daisy and Ronald decide that they could not look after her so instead they made her be a nanny (someone who looks after the house) Daisy is pregnant and has triplet girls called Peach, Petal & Plum and Emily has to look after them as well.

An evil witch Harpella takes away the spirit of the triplets and then they become zombies, she also turns people into pink bunnies. Emily Vole tries to stop Harpella doing evil stuff but I can't tell you the whole story so you'll have to read the book yourself.

Erica Motoc, age 7

The book is very good so I could not take my eyes of the words. When it was bed time, I was still reading the book so my mother let me stay up because I wanted to read it and I was in the mood for reading.

My favourite part is when Emily Vole (the adopted child,) unlocks the keys of
the special and magic shop as the keys kept on jumping up and going all over the place. I find it funny and creative. My favourite character is Fidget - the cat because he’s kind and nice to everyone and especially to his owner Miss String. Emily Vole needs to look out for the evil witch Harpella, as she will kill her, just like she killed the old owner of the magic keys.

I like the story because of its funniness. I think the author took a long time to write and out the work it out.

Alisha Boyce, age 10

I like this book because it`s got my favourite animal in, BUNNYS and they are all pink which is my favourite Colour. It`s a good and exciting book. I give this book a 10/10.

Caroline Randall

We received this for Lauren and although from a reading age perspective (she is nearly 7) – she was fine with it, I did not like the language – I thought it was too silly and she was also not really enjoying it – so it seemed an odd mix – quite babyish and silly language but an overly laborious story line that did not capture her attention.

Nadine Kelly , age 11

St. Colm’s High School, Draperstown, Northern Ireland.

This story is really exciting. It is beautifully illustrated and I loved the nice short chapters.

Emily Vole is the main character and she has been adopted by Daisy and Ronald. Later in the story they find out they are going to have triplets so poor Emily is turned in a sort of a slave.

She is eventually befriended by Fidget, a talking cat, and Mrs. String whom Emily looks on as a fairy god-mother. Mrs. String helps her to read and write and teaches her French and German. She also tells her stories and one of her favourites is about a shop called Wings and Co which was run by fairies and moved from town to town.

I really loved all the characters in the story: The evil witch, who changed everyone into coloured rabbits. A set of golden keys. Buster, Alfred Twizell,
Detective Cardwell and the mystery of the spirit lamp.

The story has a happy ending but you will have to read it to find out what happens.

*I look forward to more stories by Sally Gardner, she is such a good author.*