

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of *Ophelia and the Marvellous Boy* by Karen Foxlee

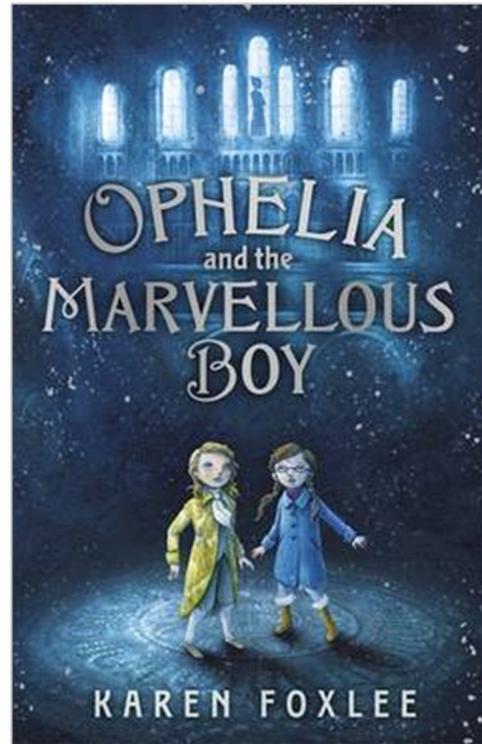
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Rachel Ilsley, age 11

When Ophelia's Mum dies, her Dad finds a job at a large museum. Every day Ophelia goes exploring. One day she finds the Marvellous Boy. He is locked in a small room by the evil Snow Queen, who he was sent out to defeat by the wizards.

Ophelia is a clever, brave girl who ends up in funny situations. I enjoyed the way Ophelia solved the different tasks in each room.

This book was very good and I loved reading it because it was a real page turner.



Daniel Harrison, age 8

*'Ophelia and the Marvellous Boy' is a marvellous book. My favourite character was Ophelia because she was really funny. Ophelia and the Marvellous Boy try to defeat the Snow Queen and get the Boy's sword back after she had taken it. There is lots of danger in the book as the snow queen is very mean. She pretends to be a normal person although her real aim is to freeze the world. **I would definitely read another by this writer because this book was so exciting.***

Poppy, age 15

I thought that 'Ophelia and the Marvellous Boy' was very enjoyable and had a good plot, it kept the same pace throughout and was easy to get into. It had good strong characters and a great feel. It sent across a good message: that no matter how ordinary you are, you can do

extraordinary things!

Amelie Chatham, age 11

This is the story of friendship between two worlds seperated only by the door with the golden keyhole.

This book was a little too fast flowing for me and there wasn't much background detail on Ophelia or her family, I didn't even know how old she was.

Other than this, the storyline was gripping and the characters were enjoyable. The settings were described well and were believable.

I thought it could have been stretched out a bit more to make it something breath-taking and suspenseful.

Luke Bauer, age 11

'Ophelia and the Marvellous Boy' is a really good book - I enjoyed reading it from beginning to end. Everyone of all ages will love to read this. Once you pick it up you'll never be able to put it down.

My first impressions of this book were that it was for younger readers, but I was wrong. As soon as I started I was glued! All the action in the story was fabulous and I couldn't put it down until I'd finished.

I have come to the conclusion that this thriller of a book deserves five stars because of the amazingly scary and adventurous events throughout the story.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9

A lovely fairy tale about an eleven year old girl who finds a boy in a locked room. She doesn't think she is brave, but it turns out that she is and she battles a snow queen. I loved this book.

This book is full of bravery, magic and friendship. There is a lot of snow (and a snow queen). The book follows an eleven year old girl who find a boy locked away in a museum. Some parts are sad, some exciting but overall this is a really well written book which I enjoyed reading. I thought it might be aimed at girls but I do think boys would enjoy it too as I did.

Sam Harper, age 10

This story is packed full of magic and mystery. An amazing, exciting adventure which gripped me from start to finish. I loved it!

Ophelia Jane Worthington-Whittard doesn't consider herself to be brave, only curious. At 11 years old she's small for her age, has asthma and doesn't expect for one second to be able to help save the world but Ophelia is about to be proved wrong. When she discovers a strange, old fashioned boy in a locked room inside a huge, Gothic museum, her adventure begins. The boy quite calmly asks her for help, through the golden keyhole. He needs Ophelia to embark on a quest through the museum, to find the key which he needs to escape from the room where the evil Snow Queen is holding him captive. The Snow Queen is vain and thoroughly bad. She makes it snow all of the time and steals the souls of good young girls in order to keep herself from ageing. Without their souls the girls become ghosts, trapped like that forever. She has held the boy captive for over 300 years, waiting for the protective charm placed on him to wear off, so that she can kill him and bring about the end of the world. Only the One Other who is able to wield the magical sword can defeat her. Will Ophelia be able to help the marvellous boy to get rid of the Snow Queen and how is the mysterious Miss Kaminski involved?

This story is packed full of magic and mystery. I loved the snow leopards and misery birds, the maze-like feel of the museum and the way the sword dragged Ophelia around, fighting the Snow Queen itself. An amazing, exciting adventure which gripped me from start to finish. I loved it!

Abigail Smart, age 12

*'Ophelia and the Marvellous Boy is a great book'. The blurb didn't really entice me - I feel it's too short - and it gives away the ending of the book which kind of eliminates the point of reading it. I don't know if the one I read is the final blurb or not, I hope it will be better in the final copy! Also, I hope the names of the chapters are changed in the final copy because they tell you what happens in that chapter and how the chapter ends. Even so, I thought the book as a whole was great fun to read. I recommend this book to people of 11-13. The plot is difficult in some places but in other places easier to understand. I think in some places it's painstakingly obvious what is happening and it's ridiculous that Ophelia doesn't realise that this person is bad or this person is in danger. Despite all this, I enjoyed reading it and if there was a sequel then I would definitely read that! **Karen Foxlee is a brilliant author and she***

managed to keep me in Ophelia's shoes and truly feel what she must be feeling throughout the whole book. I loved reading this book and I think that most people of my age will enjoy it too.

Adiella Norridge, age 10

A well paced fairy tale following Ophelia as she tries to rescue a prisoner of the Snow Queen.

When Ophelia's father takes up a job in a city where it always snows, Ophelia and her sister Alice decide to explore the museum where he has started a new job. Ever curious, or maybe you could say nosey, Ophelia finds a boy - the 'marvelous boy' of the book's title - who is being held prisoner by the Snow Queen. The leads Ophelia into all kinds of adventures and challenges as she tries to help rescue him.

This magical adventure/fairy tale is well paced. However, I didn't really feel much for Ophelia as a character - she is unimaginative, doesn't think much for herself, and is reliant on the marvelous boy. She didn't really pull me into the story. I think the book might be better suited to slightly younger readers than myself - maybe 7 to 9 year olds - as it wasn't high on suspense or tension.

Sophie Bridges, age 11

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Alice & Isaac East, age 10 & 8

A curious little girl called Ophelia visits a museum at Christmas and finds a golden keyhole and is eager to find out what is inside and peers in ...

Through the keyhole she finds a boy who claims he has been imprisoned and tells her a story about magical wizards and how he came to be trapped.

The story was exciting and I wanted to read more and more to find out what was going to happen next. As there were so many cliffhangers I couldn't put this book down.

If you want a book that will keep you guessing to the end ... read this NOW!