

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Oliver And The Seawigs by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

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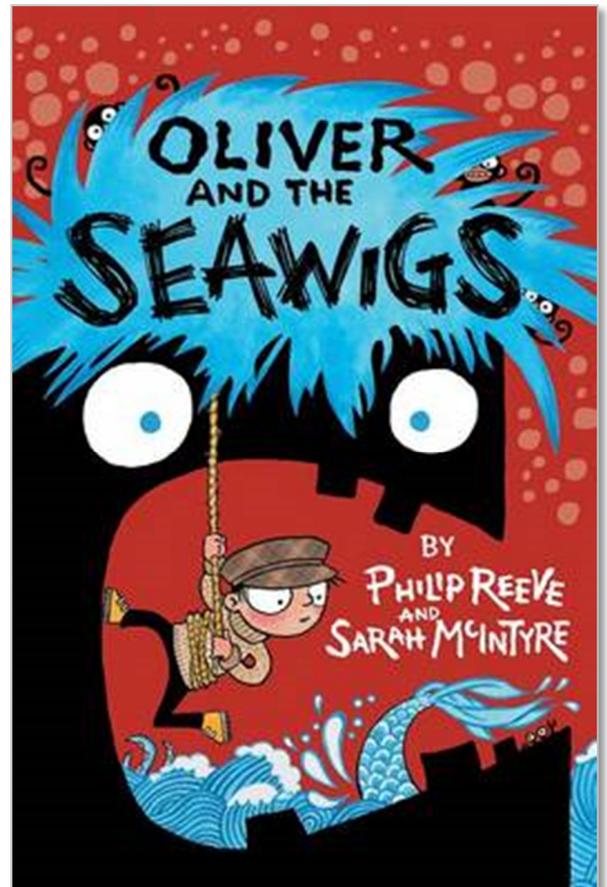
Khadijah

Perfect for reading both aloud and alone.

'Oliver & The Seawigs' is a fantastic adventure story full of quirky characters, wonderfully wry humour and lovely illustrations that I could look at all day. I think it's perfect for reading both aloud and alone as the text is large, chapters are short and sweet - and the pacing is just about right.

Sam Harper, age 9

Oliver's mum and dad are explorers with nowhere left to explore. When they move back to their house in Deepwater Bay they notice a set of uncharted islands out of their window and so they set off again, followed by Oliver. Oliver meets a whole host of mystical creatures whilst searching for his parents. The Rambling Isles are islands which can talk and move about. They hold a Seawig competition every seven years, collecting all sorts of debris, fish, birds and sunken ships on their heads and the winner is in charge of the islands for the next seven years. Oliver travels on Cliff, one of the Rambling Isles, along with a talking albatross and Iris, a short-sighted mermaid who often mistakes walruses for fishermen and whose voice can shatter glass. She helps Cliff to find the world's first submarine so that he can win the competition but it is stolen by an army of sea monkeys (nice little, fun-loving creatures), their evil commander, Stacey de Lacey, and Thurlstone, a nasty and heartless island. Can Oliver and his friends get the submarine back in time for the competition and where are his missing parents?



*'Oliver and the Seawigs' is **an absolutely brilliant adventure. The myriad***

of weird and wonderful creatures were really funny and the illustrations fitted them perfectly. I tore through this in one sitting. Fantastic!

Benjy Randall, age 9

A really enjoyable, funny and entertaining book.

'Oliver and the Seawigs' is a funny entertaining book. It is about a family of explorers who find islands which were never there before so they just have to explore. Oliver's parents leave him to unpack at their new home as they explore the islands. When they don't return Oliver sets off to find them. The islands are called as they walk around. On his journeys Oliver gets friendly with a seagull, a mermaid and an island called Cliff. However he makes some enemies with an army of sea monkeys, Stacey De Lacey and an island called Thurlstone. Coming up is the Night of the Seawigs and whoever has the most interesting thing on their head gets to be King for seven years. Can Oliver help Cliff be King or will Thurlstone rule for seven years?

James Goodall, age 9

'Oliver and the Seawigs' is great! It's all about a 10 year old boy called Oliver who spent his life adventuring and just wants to get away from it and settle down. He thinks he is about to put a hold on his adventures but his parents have other ideas! When his parents go missing, Oliver's quest to find them begins.

With the help of a mermaid, a snooty albatross and an island called Cliff, Oliver sets out to win a sea wig competition.

I found this book a really entertaining and compelling read. The action is fast-paced and the brilliant illustrations give the story the feel of a graphic novel. It is great to see what you are picturing in your mind. I recommend that you read this book!

Emma Baird, age 11

"Oliver Crisp was only ten years old, but they had been a busy and exiting ten years, because Oliver's mother and father were explorers."

*This book is all about the extremely adventurous Oliver Crisp. Oliver is excited because he is going to live in a house! He has never had his own house before as they always stayed in the explorermobile. Oliver's parents discover some unexplored islands near to their house in Deepwater Bay and go off to explore, then Oliver decides to go and explore too. **Oliver is on a small island when***

suddenly it moves... Where is it taking Oliver?

I love this book because it is full of amazing illustrations that really draw you into the story and because it is such a funny plot. This book is quite an easy read but I really enjoyed it.

Alexander Bisland, age 8

One day there lived a boy called Oliver and his parents were explorers who met on the top of Mount Everest. They had stopped exploring and were going home when they spotted some islands and his parents decided to explore them. When Oliver was unpacking his suitcase, he saw the inflatable dinghy bobbing on the water that they used to get there but Oliver was not scared. He went to the beach and before he left he stuck a sign on the door to say he would be going but would be back soon. This is how the adventure began!!!

*My favourite characters are the sea monkeys as they are very cute and I love drawing them! **I like this book because it is exciting and full of adventure. The illustrations are also very good.***

I recommend this book to young adventurers aged 8+.

I give it 100 stars!

Evie Young, age 8

A really funny book, full of amazing characters and brilliant pictures.

*This is a really good book. Oliver wants to stay in one place and go to school like a normal boy but his parents are explorers so they are always off on exciting adventures. Just when Oliver thinks he is about to get his wish they set off on their biggest adventure! There are lots of amazing characters, like the short sighted mermaid, an island called Cliff, a grumpy talking Albatross, the evil island the Thurlstone and Stacey de Lacey, not to mention the cheeky Sea Monkeys! **I really hope Oliver has more adventures because I'd love to read them.***

Stephanie Chaplin, age 8

Oliver with his new friends –a grumpy albatross, a short sighted mermaid and a friendly island – Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents.

My favourite part was when Oliver climbed into the Thurlstone because I thought it was funny when he started to tickle the island.

My favourite character was Iris because she was funny.

*The main characters are:
Oliver, Mr Culpeper, Iris and Cliff.*

I loved the book.

I thought it was funny when Iris swam into Cliff.

I think aged 8+ boys and girls will like this book.