

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Parent Agency by David Baddiel

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Isaac Phelan, age 10**

*A hilarious read, taking you into a different world were you get to pick your own parents! I give it a 10/10 for being an expertly written book.*

*Fed up with your parents? If so this is the book for you. Barry, who hates his family, get's transported to another world where he decides on who his parents should be! However, he only has five days to decide, who will he choose? Find out in this action packed novel. Join him in his adventure with Lionel Tidy and other funny people that he meets.*

*I loved this book because it is extremely funny and well written.*

*My favorite part was when he meets the Fwhams!(they are really sporty and literally never get tired!)and they let Barry play for the United-Kidom football club, where he scored an amazing header.*

*It's funny how Barry moves through his different parents so quickly , proving it is not as easy as he thought to find his dream parents.*

*If you like David Walliams, you will love this book As the characters are really wacky and made me giggle and the story is bonkers.*

*This is a book that girls and boys will love. If there's a sequel, I am going to be first in the queue. A fab read, it's one of the funniest books I've ever read.*



**Rohan Delamere, age 9**

***This is an amazingly funny book about a boy who wishes he has better parents and he gets them—but are they really better parents?***

*This is a side splittingly funny book about a boy called Barry Bennett who wishes he had better parents. When his wishes come true he is transported into a world where the children choose the parents. After visiting a lot of different parents he thinks that maybe this world isn't the best world after all and his parents are the best parents in the world but then Barry has to get back into his world... I would recommend this book for ages 8+ and boys & girls and I give it 10/10 this is a brilliant book for anyone!!!*

**Sam Harper, age 10**

***A strange new world which revolves around children. Could this be everything that Barry has wished for? A brilliant theme for a story, this is a real rib-tickler!***

*Barry Bennett is not happy with his life. His parents seem to love his sisters more than him, his family is quite poor and they never get his birthday party quite right. It's the final straw for Barry when his parents buy him a joke version of 'Casino Royale' for his birthday, because it was the cheapest Bond film on Amazon. But when he says the words 'I wish I had better parents', Barry has no idea that he will be transported to a very strange place indeed. He soon realises that this odd new world is very different from the world he just came from. Here everything is adapted for children. In fact, the world revolves around them. Adults come second and children can even choose their own parents. Could this be everything that Barry has wished for? This new world has lots of very familiar faces in it but they are all slightly altered and renamed with hilarious word-play like the United Kid-Dom, Y-Boxes and Vlad and Morrissina instead of Brad and Angelina. It really couldn't be better for Barry with lots of amazingly perfect parents to choose from but he only has a five day trial period before he needs to come to a decision. Will he find the perfect parents and should he even be looking?*

*A brilliant theme for a story, this is a real rib-tickler. It will make you laugh out loud as well as making you consider your own parents and whether they really are as bad as you might think. I loved the pictures of the cast and can't wait for the release of the final, fully illustrated version. Fantastic!*

**Alex Faulkner, age 10**

*'The Parent Agency' is about a boy who wants better parents. He is teleported to a world where you choose your parents. It seems like a dream come true, but it is not as good as it seems.*

***This book is funny and it made me laugh my head off (not literally)***  
*Everything was good in this story. I enjoyed this book.*

*Altogether this was amazing talented writing from the author. I would recommend this book for 9-13 year old children.*

**Tom White, age 11**

***I love this book because it is a fun book and it really made me laugh!***  
***I think it is probably the best book I've read since I was born!*** *I think it also has a very good moral teaching you to get what you're given. I highly recommend this book "5 star" A great first book by David Baddiel!!!!*

**Tomasz awryszczuk, age 9**

***Barry is a nine year old boy who isn't happy with the parents he has. He gets to meet all kind of different characters along the way, five sets of parents in five days, then gets the chance to choose the best.***

*Barry, age nine wishes he had better parents after a row. He goes to the Parent Agency and sees five different parents in five days and then gets to choose. Will he choose the rich ones, the fit ones? You'll have to read the book to find out. Be prepared for five totally different set of parents and discover the real reason why Barry ends up at the Parent Agency! If you like David Walliams' books, I am pretty sure you will love this too. This would appeal to boys and girls aged 9-12 years I think.*

**Cora Willans, age 8**

***'The Parent Agency' is a really funny and adventurous story, that girls and boys aged 7-11 would really like.***

*The best bit about the book is that it's about a place where children can do whatever they want to, even choose brand new parents, such as rich or famous ones!*

*My favourite character in the book is Barry because all the excitement happens*

to him.

***I'd give the book 9 out of 10, as it is a tiny bit rude.***

**Kieran Mallory, age 10**

***It is a fantastic page turner, you will love it! I loved this book because it is funny in lots of ways. It is really fun to read. I would recommend this book to everyone.***

*I liked this book because it is funny in lots of ways. It is really fun to read and it is easy to read as the print is large. I would recommend this book to almost everyone. I am a big reader and I read a variety of books, but this book will stand out for me because I loved reading it! I just could not put it down! It is a fantastic page turner, you will love it! My favourite part was when Barry (the main character) finds a map of London, kid's version, when he goes to story land, but before I completely spoil the story for you, I'm going to let you read, enjoy and laugh your socks off!*

**Nathan Lea**

***This was an amazing book! It was very funny and had a really nice ending. It also had a great moral! David Baddiel is an amazing author. A great book which I would recommend to ages 9 to 12!***

*This book is about a boy who hates his parents and ends up in a world where children pick their parents. It was absolutely amazing! It was very funny and it had a heart-warming ending and a great moral. I really liked the part when Barry plays for United Kid-dom with Lionel Tidy. It was a very funny book, with clever jokes throughout, such as the railway station called 'Ha Ha Ha This Station Is Called Watery Loo'. You can definitely tell it was written by a stand-up comedian! The description is very good, and I like how it says the different days. It was a great idea turned into a great story. I would definitely give this book a 10/10!*

**Bella Perez, age 9**

*Barry hates his parents. He hates them so much he transports into another world! But after he'd been through five parents, he realises that he belongs back home.*

***I loved the story because it fills you with interest and wonder. I truly***

*have no problem except it could be longer.*

*My favourite characters are The Sisterly Entity because they remind me of two twins in my class.*

*If David Baddiel makes another book it should be called: 'The Child Agency'!*

**Ellen McTeague, age 13**

**St Colms High School**

*While reading the first chapter of 'The Parent Agency' I was very curious to find out what happened to Barry. **From the beginning I knew I was going to really enjoy this story.***

*Barry Bennet hates his name, and this is first on the list of things he hates. When Barry and his parents have an argument about his birthday he is sent to his room where something very strange happens. Barry is transported to another world where children get to choose their parents!!!!!!*

*In this world Barry gets to choose the kind of parents he thinks he wants. For the next five days each set of parents will throw him a Birthday Party.*

*First of all he chooses to have rich parents, then he decides he wants famous parents, third he would like fit parents, fourth are parents who will allow him to do whatever he wants and last he wants to be the favourite in the household.*

*I found this story very original and enjoyable. **This was a great story and easy to read.** I would recommend this to both boys and girls age 10-14.*

**Daisy Pritchard-Williams, age 10**

***I really enjoyed reading 'The Parent Agency' because it was exciting and funny, once I got into it I didn't want to put it down.***

*I thought it was funny because in one bit Barry (the main character) found out that a football match was (in that world) only seven minutes long, which is odd because in our world it takes for ever!*

*My favourite character was the sisterly secretary entity because they are annoying and silly.*

*I don't want to give the game away but I will tell you about my favourite characters. The sisterly entity are Barry's younger twin sisters and annoy him all the time. They have this phrase that is "write that down Quinny", "I am*

*writing it down Kay". They are also very funny, well Barry's parents find them funny, Barry does not!*

*The secretary entity are a bit like the sisterly entity but they live in a different world, a world where children have no parents, where they can choose their parents but I won't tell you all about it, you will have to read it yourself.*

*It would be very good if there was another book.*

### **Lainey Freeman aged 10 - Evercreech Cof E Primary School**

***A very odd story in a good way! Not many children blame their parents for the names they have! Find out what happens in this most enjoyable read!***

*I really like this book because it is fun to read and is most enjoyable. I really liked how Barry blames his parents for naming him Barry ~ not many children blame their parents for the names they have.*

*Barry ends up in Yungdon, a mysterious world, where he goes with lots of different parents because there children get to choose their parents!!*

*It is a very odd story but in a good way! I give it 10/10.*

### **Peter Baller, age 8**

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*The storyline is very imaginative. I like the adults' different personalities. It took me a while to get into it but then I loved the world of United Kid-dom. My favourite parents were the Fwahms!*

### **Lily Benner, age 9**

***An amusing tale with a surprise ending.***

*Barry is unhappy with his parents, sisters and home life. He has written a list of things he doesn't like about his parents. After wishing for better parents he is "magically" transported into another world where he can choose new ones. His choices have hilarious results.*

*I enjoyed this book because it made me appreciate my parents more and realise they are not too bad after all!*

**Gemma Padfield, age 9**

***This book was very interesting I hope the author will do more series of these books as I enjoyed them.***

*Join the fun with Barry, mum, dad and*

*Sisterly entity. This book is mainly based on the fact that Barry doesn't like his parents, so he visits as many parents as he could whether their weird or their children are spoilt or they are just normal parents, but every couple he visits they want to change his name. Barry is a wonderful character, he loves James Bond and he is not that imaginative but he has enjoyed everything. David Baddiel the author of this book has done a good job of this story it got me really attracted to it.*

*This book gets a 10 / 10*