

## LoveReading Reader reviews of The Rain by Virginia Bergin

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

Alice Horncastle, age 14 –

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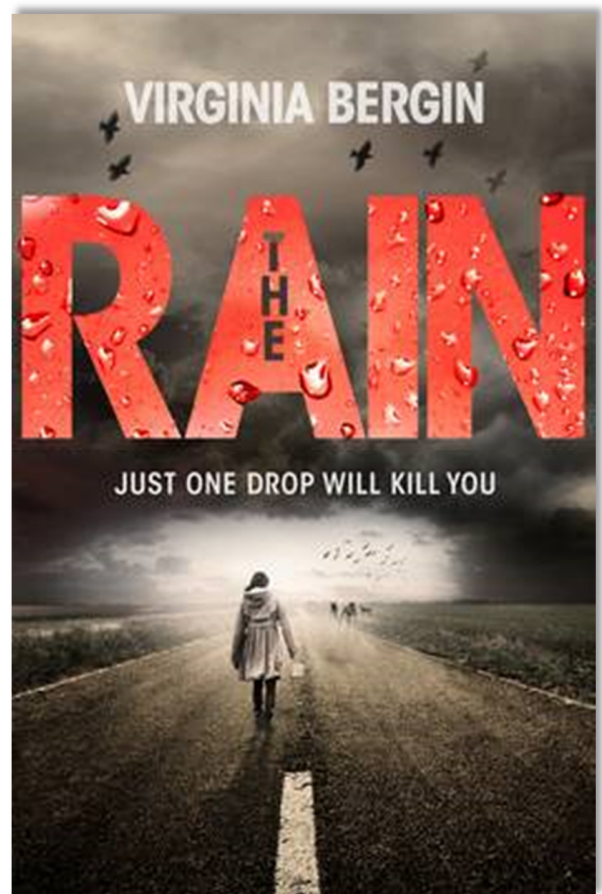
***'The Rain' left me speechless! It is such a unique thriller that was very fast paced - I would recommend this book to all teens as it is quite something out of the ordinary!***

*When Ruby is at a friends barbecue and it starts to rain, nobody suspects anything is wrong. But when it comes apparent that inside every drop there are thousands of virus's that will kill you slowly, the whole world is turned upside down. Suddenly she is alone, and her only hope is to find her dad so she sets off on a journey that is a constant matter of life and death. How will she ever survive?*

Lola Bridgeman, age 16

***Bound to be the Y.A book of the summer, this is superb! Not for the faint hearted, for older teens due to subject matter I'd suggest.***

*Ruby and her collection of rescued neighbourhood dogs are the survivors of a bacteria laden rain which burns people from the inside out with just one drop. Nothing drinkable is safe and in the face of insurmountable odds Ruby takes off for London hoping to find that her Dad has survived. It's gritty, warm, heartbreaking, scary and grim and when you get to the last page you'll want more! Destined to be a hit!*



**Sarah Murray, age 16** – [www.everyoneneedsabooknook.blogspot.com](http://www.everyoneneedsabooknook.blogspot.com)

*Such a good book! This book was so good but also very sad. Nevertheless, I would happily give this book 5 stars.*

*I loved the main character Ruby; she was so strong and somewhat ridiculous which was so necessary in such a sad book. In some scenes I could not help but laugh because Ruby was being ridiculous. The only thing that annoyed me about this book was how stupid Ruby was at times because she kept making the same mistake.*

***I do not think I will forget this book anytime soon because it was so original and thought provoking. I think the author did a fantastic job of helping the reader get into the mindset of someone in such a bizarre, surreal situation.***

***This is a must read book*** - however, don't read it before bed because I can say first hand it'll give you weird nightmares.

**Verity Wild, age 12**

***'The Rain' is an amazing book. It is very creative and exciting. I would highly recommend this book to any teenagers who like wonderful fiction books. I would give it five stars.***

*'The Rain' is about a teenage girl who is sat in a hot tub with her new boyfriend when suddenly she is dragged inside. The Rain has started. The rain is infested with some kind of space bug that will kill you if it touches you. Ruby (The main character) struggles to survive. She decides that she has to go to London to find her dad but how? she goes on an adventure meeting some really inspiring characters on the way. Also enjoying a shopping trip on a massive london street. but when she gets there will she find her dad?*

**Katie Adeniji, age 13**

***This book is one of the most moving and funniest books I have ever read. It has been beautifully crafted to give a funnily humorous twist on an end-of-the-world-type situation.***

*The book is something that every teenager can relate to. As the world seems to come to a soaking wet end, Ruby has to find a way to survive the deadly and surprisingly wet situation of traversing the country trying to find her father. It has a witty edge that could only ever be fictional because it is that brilliant. I am*

*very pleased I had the chance to read this book :-)*

**Rosa Boran, age 14**

***I loved this book. Although it did freak me out as it was raining when I read it and also the main character Ruby did annoy me. Nevertheless it was good. The ending left me unsatisfied though.***

*'The Rain' was a good book with a good plot but the main character kind of let it down. Ruby was somewhat of a bully, at times really annoying and kinda stupid. She was at times a good character though. The book was also funny and I liked Darius. The ending wasn't good as it just ended and I wished we could have learned more about what happened. Overall it was good, I did enjoy it and I would recommend it.*

**Delilah Acworth, age 15**

*'The Rain' by Virginia Bergin is absolutely mind numbing (in a good way, I think.) It is one of those books which makes you both hate it and love it at the same time. **I had a golf ball sized lump in my throat from the moment the rain began to fall but I could not tear my eyes from the page.** If easily frightened by gruesome details of rotting corpses, then maybe this book is not for you. If otherwise, read this book and be forever wary of 'The Rain'.*

**Rose Heathcote, age 15**

***This book is a great read which I would definitely recommend. It is a typical girly read until the author splashes the story with gore. It was great to be able to read such an original story line.***

*This book was written in first person as if the main character Ruby was writing a diary. I liked this style of writing because it made the story more real and it felt like it had actually been written by a 15 year old girl, exactly what I want to read a teenagers account on what's important to them rather than an older persons opinion. Ruby believes it's the end of the world because she loses her boyfriend, a typical feeling of a young teenager. It goes from a teenage girl worrying about makeup and boys to being gory in parts; the author is not scared to describe the scenes in graphic detail and being a fan of gore a much appreciated aspect to the book. The only criticism I would have about this book is there was too much going on at the end which confused things slightly,*

however, don't let this deter you from reading it. I would definitely recommend it to my friends.

### **Helen Marshall**

*The stench of the dead bodies that litter the streets is ever present and dogs and crows gnaw and peck at the flesh. Ruby is a survivor of this apocalypse, and there's no one stopping her indulging in the biggest shopping raid ever – designer bags, expensive make-up, oxford street chic all free to take.*

*A glorious summers day, and the whole of Britain is having a barbeque. As usually happens on such days, the rain starts just as everyone is enjoying themselves. But this is no ordinary rain, and it's not just the party that's ended, it's your life. Just one drop will kill you. So in one afternoon most of the people die horribly, not understanding what hit them. Ruby is one of the lucky few to work out how to stay alive. She's close to meltdown most of the time, but partly through luck and partly through determination she survives and sets out to find her Dad who she is determined to believe has survived too against the odds. I liked Ruby – she's obsessed with image and clothes despite it being the end of the world which is sad and funny, but also quite realistic because focusing on silly things is the way she ignores the horror around her. **It's a book which builds a picture in your head that stays with you – and made me nervous when I accidentally got dripped on!***

### **Izzy read, age 13**

*'The Rain'; a zombie apocalypse novel without the zombies. This is a refreshing new teenage novel with a realistic heroine, one who's selfish, careless and has no idea what she's going to do. Ruby is a teenager, going through her GCSE's and self-conscious about her looks. However, Ruby was, at times, arrogant and petty, still was worried about things like becoming friends with the loser of the school, and someone fancying her boyfriend. I also felt that the end was inconclusive. **All in all, this was an incredible novel that was different to anything I've ever read.***

### **Lauren Coffman, age 14**

***This was a good book that had some exciting bits and a great plot but slightly boring in places. Overall though a fun & different book.***

*This book is about a life in which rain can kill you, and in fact all water that wasn't produced before this happened. Ruby is on a journey to find her dad who she believes is alive, and who lives in London, but still must be wary of the rain.*

*I really connected with Ruby and the emotions of sadness she felt but also her determination to survive and find her dad. I would feel the same way in her situation. Overall I found this book mostly fun and exciting but slightly boring in places.*

**Imogen Breaks, age 11**

***Every drip of rain infects your blood and eats you from the inside out which 16 year old Ruby Morris does NOT want to happen. She needs water but just one drop will kill.***

*Every drip of rain infects your blood and eats you from the inside out. Somehow 16 year old Ruby Morris will have to find water to survive but just one drop of water will kill you. The story of one girl's quest; to survive the unsurvivable. **I loved every part of this book it was amazing!!!!** My favourite part was when she went round to all her neighbours houses and rescued all their pets. The worst bit I'm not going to tell you, it would spoil the story, so you will have to read it for yourself! I would recommend it to people who love a bit of adventure and a little bit of gory horror!*