

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Roar by Emma Clayton

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Robin Winterbourne, age 9

I loved this adventure book as it was really exciting! I would definitely recommend it if you like action stories.

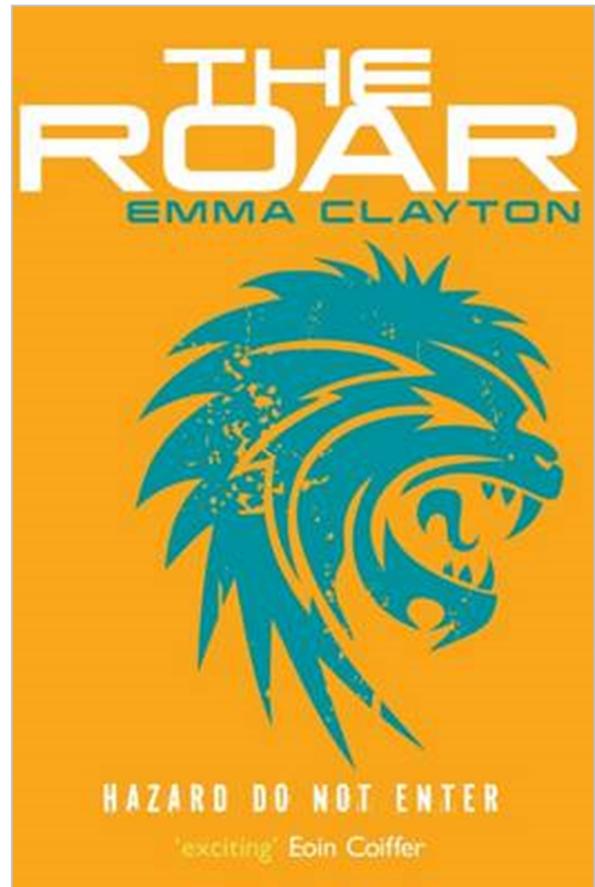
I really enjoyed 'The Roar' because it was exciting and adventurous. The story is about two kids who find out the real truth about the World they live in!

My favourite part was when Mika stole a pod fighter and flew away from Gorman's guards so that they wouldn't kill him.

I would recommend this to anyone who likes adventure stories. It's quite a big book but it's hard to put down (even at Christmas time).

The cliff-hanger at the end makes me want to read the next in the series soon!

I would also look to see what other books Emma Clayton has written.



James Lawrence Griffith, age 11

This gripping, futuristic, adventure story would suit all adrenaline lovers with an interest in modern technology. I loved it and found it sitting near the top of my best reads list!

43 years ago the world was savaged by an animal plague. Now there is the wall forcing the world's population up into the northern hemisphere. 12 year old Ellie was kidnapped one year ago by Mal Gorman and the police report her dead. However Ellie's twin brother Mika refuses to accept this as he senses she is alive.

Mika is told he needs a counsellor for his troubles.

Then the YDF (Youth Development Foundation) create a simulation game called Pod Fighter. But when Mika's counsellor tells him he can only find his sister by playing this new game he can see the deadly secret unravelling, that his concrete world is built on lies, beneath his very eyes! It turns out Mika is a natural at this inch perfect game and he and his gunner Audrey enter themselves into a competition to win a hover car and a home in the golden turrets in the clouds unlike their damp concrete fold down apartments. But little do they and the other contestants know Mal Gorman is not showing the full picture of the outcomes!

'The Roar' is one of my favourite books I have ever read because the author uses great descriptions of the setting (and overall) to make you feel that you are really behind the wall or driving the pods! This is a book you literally can't put down; it always has a cliff-hanger!

Zachary Bayman, age 11

A thrilling page turner that will keep you guessing to the last moment.

I actually did enjoy this book, but the futuristic theme was extremely forced.

Something else that didn't make sense to me is Mal Gorman's intentions. Sure, he wants an army, and he has to use the children because of the 30 year thing, but they seem perfectly at ease using borgs, so why not them?

Also, you need to make the youth development agency, or whatever those guys are called, more ruthless. You need them to be like W.I.C.K.E.D from Maze Runner. Example: in the harpoon scene they should split the children into teams and make them fight, instead of making them shoot targets.

I look forward to the sequel.

Sam Harper, age 11

An exhilarating futuristic adventure which grabbed me from the first page. This book is just so stunningly good it made it straight into my top 5 book list.

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was an animal plague which forced the survivors to build a huge wall to separate the two hemispheres of the world. The south held only poisoned dust and everyone was forced to cram into the countries north of the wall. Everyone believes that Ellie died however Mika just 'knows' she's alive. Ellie lives in a space station orbiting the earth and is being trained to use her mutant powers by Mal Gorman, the head of the Youth Development Foundation. He is creating an army of children with implants. He wants to show the world what's behind the wall and invade the southern hemisphere. Mika's life is more normal except for his strange recurring nightmares. Could they be linked to Ellie in some way? Mika and his partner Audrey are a brilliant duo. They play Pod Fighter, a competitive arcade game created by Gorman. They win holidays, a top of the range hover car and even an apartment but the extra training they are given by the YDF becomes increasingly strange. Are they being trained in the art of killing or is it something even more sinister? Can they trust anyone and will Mika ever see Ellie again?

'The Roar' is a futuristic adventure which grabbed me from the first page. It was full of exhilarating action and fantastic characters and really made me think about what might happen to our world in the future. I can't wait to read 'The Whisper', the next in the series. This is a brilliant story which made it straight into my top 5 book list.

William Longlands, age 11

8 out of 10. *Exciting action with the odd dull passage.*

*This is a tale about never giving up because you will probably succeed eventually. **I really liked most of this book as it was action packed. On the other hand some bits were dull.** It is written as part of a series and finishes on a cliff hanger so you will need to read the next book for the end of the story.*

This is a story of a world going wrong where the people in power have tricked everyone else. I liked the hero because he trusted his feelings and went in search of the truth.

Lily, age 11

This is a gripping story set in the future about a boy trying to find his twin sister by playing a virtual reality game.

This book is a gripping adventure story about Mika and his twin sister, Ellie.

They live behind a wall which protects them from the plagued animals on the other side. One day Ellie disappears and her family were told she had drowned in the flood water. But Mika refused to believe that she was dead...

Years later a nurse came into Mika's school to talk to them about Fit Mix. This drink was supposed to help you grow but Mika refused to drink it and was suspended. During his suspension, he reconsidered drinking the Fit Mix because his counsellor, Helen said that she believed this would help him find Ellie.

When he returned to school, Mika was told about an arcade game linked to Fit Mix called Pod Fighter. He played it and discovered that he was a natural. Soon after, Mika entered a Pod Fighter tournament but what he didn't know was the results of the competition would affect his real life.....

I love this book because it's very gripping. There are lots of unexpected twists and I could barely put it down! *It was particularly exciting when Mika and his Pod Fighter partner, Audrey played in the first round of the tournament. I can't wait to read 'The Whisper' next!*

Charlotte Cassidy, age 9

A roller coaster of a book keeping you on the edge of your seat all the way through.

This book starts with a bang as Ellie is chased across the world in a pod fighter. Her twin Mika is determined to find her. What he doesn't know is that the search will involve a deadly game that will change everyone's lives forever. You really felt for the characters of Mika and Ellie, and the deadly situation that they found themselves in.

This exciting book is a real page turner that I couldn't put down, and I can't wait to read the next book.

I would recommend this book at 12 – 13 year olds with a taste for thrills, scares, and adventure.

Ella Hollingshead, age 13

'The Roar' is a novel that will appeal to readers who like mystery and adventure. The plot was exciting enough to keep me interested until the end.

'The Roar' is an exciting read that fans of mystery and adventure will enjoy the most. There are a few dramatic parts....where is Ellie? She has disappeared and

her brother Mika fears she is no longer alive. However, part of him refuses to accept this and continues to hope she's alive. How will it end? You need to read the book to find out!