

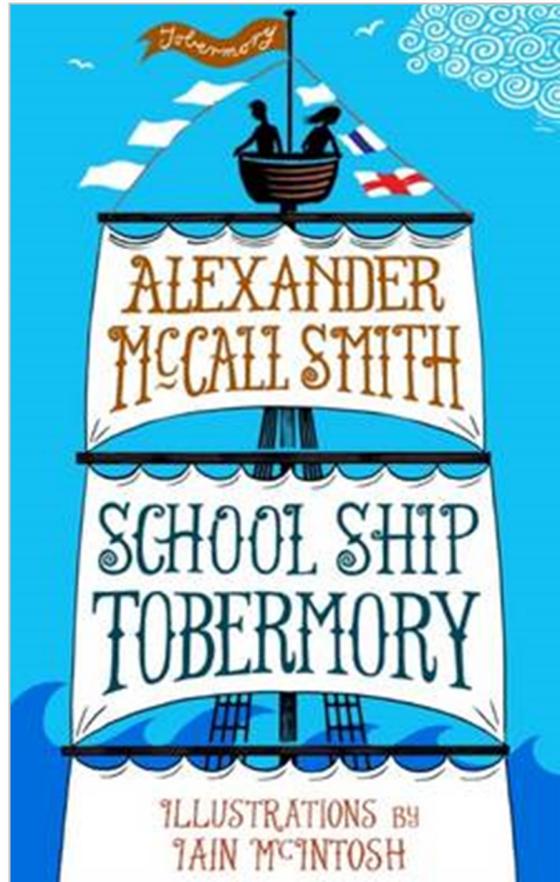
LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of School Ship Tobermory by Alexander McCall Smith

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 10

*This was a slightly different story about going to school which followed twins Ben and Fee on board a sailing ship. **Lots of adventure contained in this book.***

*Twins Fee and Ben were sent to school on board a sailing ship. They get to meet a lot of different characters and then get tangled up in a sinister plot to uncover a plan which involves a film crew. My favourite character was Matron as she really surprised me and made me laugh. I recommend this to boys and girls from age 7 - 12 and I think adults will find it entertaining if they read it to their younger children. **I can't wait for the next book in this series.***



Alex Hall, age 9

***Ben and Fee both go to the School Ship Tobermory to learn to be sailors.** They learn useful skills incl. climbing rigging & opening sails. I liked the characters and the marine animals they encountered.*

This book is about a boy Ben and his sister Fee. They have lived most of their lives on their Mum and Dad's submarine, which they use for marine science (their parents are famous marine scientists). Their parents were looking for a school that would suit Ben and Fee. They found the 'School Ship Tobermory' and

thought that was just the one. Ben and Fee both made friends on the floating school and learn to be sailors and were also extras on a film. **I liked this book because of the descriptions which made me smile and made me use my imagination.** I also liked the adventures that the children had and their way of life.

Elliot Bateman, age 7

'School Ship Tobermory' was easy to read but not much happens for ages so I got fed up. I thought it was strange that the children's mummy and daddy didn't wait to make sure they got onto their school ship ok and this made me fall out with the writer quite soon into the story. The mum and dad just left on their submarine without checking or anything. I didn't like the pictures either, because the characters seemed too old in them and they did not have hair or clothes like children wear today. They were old fashioned to me. I thought the book would be better for girls. Girls who are older than me and who like stories about things that happen at school.

Edward Macklin, age 10

'School Ship Tobermory' is an incredible book where Fee and Ben are joining the Tobermory and everything is great-except for Hardtack, Shark and Flubber, the school bullies.

*'The School Ship Tobermory' is an amazing book with fabulous illustrations that show life on the ship and all that Ben and Fee get up to. On the boat the twins, Badger and Poppy have lots of fun, however there is a group of criminals on a nearby boat and they have a clever plan of pretending to be film crew making a film about pirates. Though that could not be true. There is nothing to change in the book because **it is sheer perfection and deserves to win a gold medal.** I think that every child in the world should read this great book.*

Emily Golding, age 8

I enjoyed this book because of the excitement, the joy, the fear and most of all the way the author worded it perfectly and the illustrations were also perfect.

Beautiful life on the sea turns into a complete mystery for Ben and Fee McTavish, learning new things that they never could have known on a

submarine if they didn't go to the School Ship Tobermory.

I would recommend this book to advanced readers from the age of 7

Erica Motoc, age 9

*I very much enjoyed reading 'School Ship Tobermory' because it makes you think: 'I would like to be there, with the characters, inside the book' to help Ben and Fee to defeat the three bullies. Although the book is packed with sailor related words, I could understand them and it is nice to learn new words from different areas, like starboard, port, heads (toilets) and helm. **The setting attracts your imagination and is another reason why it makes you want to be a part of the book.***

Emily Yates, age 9

A fun book set on a school ship with adventures for friends and enemies. Great fun and you learn loads about ships too!

'School Ship Tobermory' is about a boarding school set on a ship. Two children are sent to live there and get up to all sorts of adventures with friends and enemies. Especially when a film ship gets involved....

*It is a very descriptive book and has long chapters perfect for older readers and teaches you all the references and words for boats. **The most fun, informative book I have ever read!***

Beatrice Whithear, age 8

Ben and Fee are starting a new school. Tobermory is a school on a ship and they can't wait to go. When some of the children get parts in a new film, Ben gets a feeling that something isn't right.

I loved the 'School Ship Tobermory' as soon as I started reading it. The descriptions make you think and feel that you are on the boat. I wish I could go to that school.

All the characters in the book were great but I probably liked Ben and Badger the best. Although Hardtack, Shark and Flubber, the naughty boys were fun to read about.

My favourite parts in the book were when Ben was swinging off the rigging. I worried that Ben was going to fall. It was funny when he knocked over

Hardtack, Shark and Flubber like skittles. The bit when Ben gets seasick was funny too, especially when he is hiding in the girls heads.

I liked the way the book had an adventure with the Film Crew and the Albatross. It was good how the children were able to work out something was wrong and work out a way to solve it.

At the end of the book I see that there is another book coming out called 'The Sands of Shark Island' I would love to read this.

I really loved reading the 'School Ship Tobermory', I was a bit sad when I finished it and want to read it again already.

Daniel Bisland age 8 & Alexander Bisland age 10



THE ALEXANDER TIMES

4 STARS ON THE STARBOARD!

Daniel  Mail

IT'S LIKE A BIRD; IT STARTS OFF SLOWLY THEN SPEEDS UP!

FRIENDS AHOY! ALL SET SAIL ON THE TOBERMORY! Ben and Fee are brother and sister and they start a new school, it's not an ordinary school though; it's a nautical boarding school! On their first day, they meet new friends but also some enemies. During their nautical adventure, they even discover a secret that will change their lives! However, getting the Captain of the Tobermory to believe them is a different story!

We think you should CAST OFF AND SET SAIL ON THE TOBERMORY! This book was slow to start but had an exciting finish and we enjoyed it. We are glad we carried on reading it.

We recommend the book to 8+ readers. Don't let the slow start put you off reading it.

We love this book and give it 4/5.

