

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Secrets According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

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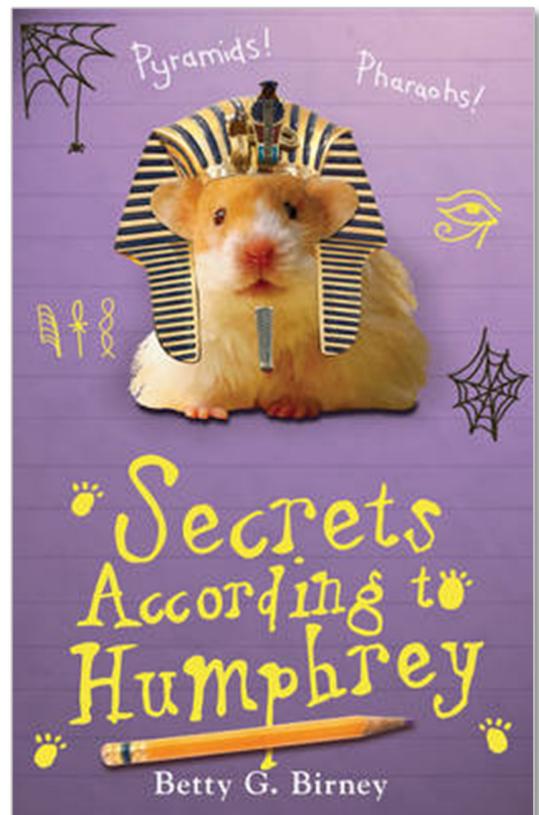
**Alice East, age 9**

***This is the latest adventure of Humphrey, a classroom pet hamster who has adventures when he escapes from his cage. It is a really funny book as Humphrey understands what humans are saying but they don't understand him.***

*I would recommend this book to people who like books that make you laugh with a little bit of adventure. The adventures Humphrey gets up to aren't wild and dangerous but they are funny and Humphrey is a little bit mischievous.*

*The language in the book is simple so it is a quick book to read.*

*If you have enjoyed other Humphrey books you should definitely read this one.*



**Daniel Hirsh, age 10**

**(St Paul's Church of England Primary School)**

*This book is really good because the school pets become part of the class like the children. **The hamster, Humphrey is really clever, he lives in Room Twenty-Six and watches everything that happens in the class, including the things which the teacher doesn't notice.** He learns all about Egypt with the children and he goes to some of their houses.*

*I was really disappointed when the notebook disappeared because there would*

*be no more secret scribbles. Humphrey's secret scribbles are my favourite part of the book, you will need to read the book to find out more.*

**Matilda Greenacre, age 7**

***This book continues Humphreys adventures in Room 26, as the class hamster. This time the book is all about ancient Egypt.***

*Humphrey escapes from his cage and watches a video clip about ancient Egypt. Then learns along with the class all about Pharaohs, Pyramids and Mummys.*

*I found this book really interesting as we were studying Egypt at school too.*

*I would recommend this book, especially if you have read some of the Humphrey stories.*

**Alexander Bisland, age 8**

*'Sometimes you have to look-look-look to find the perfect book' and this definitely was!*

*Humphrey is a hamster who lives in room 26 of Longfellow School. He is a mischievous and adventurous hamster who has 'a lock-that-doesn't lock' on his cage which is how he goes on his adventures around the school.*

*In this book we learn all about Egypt and lots of secrets likes clubs and surprises but I'm not going to reveal them! Moreover, there are lots of friendships e.g. between Humphrey and Og the Frog, the children and the teachers. I like the friendship between Humphrey and Og the most because they communicate with bounces and talking and they are very nice friends.*

***I recommend this to 7+ readers who are adventurers and who want to laugh their socks off.***

*I want to read more of these books and the next one I want to read is "More Adventures according to Humphrey".*

***I give this book 10/10 especially because of Humphrey's Secret Scribbles which made me want to read more!***

**Jessica McKenna, Year 3**

St Swithun Wells Primary School

***This was my first Humphrey book but it won't be my last. I found***

***Humphrey very funny and entertaining.***

*I loved the way he spoke (or rather squeaked) like when he said unsqueakable, it made me laugh out loud!*

*I enjoyed this book from beginning to end and I would recommend this to my friends.*

*I wish Humphrey could be in my class.*

**Jenny Bridgeman, age 8**

***This was a really lovely book, short chapters, an engaging main character and lots to learn about Egypt. It was a really good read!!***

*Jenny had seen Humphrey books in the school library but never read them before. She is really interested in Egypt and enjoyed finding out about it and being in on Humphrey's secret that he writes his own diary and escapes from his cage! She really wants to read more of them and has taken out one from the library and reserved another. Thanks Lovereading!*

**Elsbeth Paterson, age 9**

***I really loved this comical book about a little hamster named Humphrey. It shows even wee hamsters have to keep humungous secrets from their best friends.***

*I have read other books from the series and have enjoyed them as well. This is my favourite Humphrey book so far because he doesn't just go on one adventure he goes on lots. I did a project at school on the Egyptians recently and this book taught me more interesting facts about Egypt. I recommend this book for all as it is both fast moving, funny and interesting. Humphrey is a brilliant main character and I will be reading more of his adventures.*

**Faye Dawson, age 8**

***To all Humphrey fans, you should read this book, especially if you like secrets and surprises...***

*In this story Humphrey was anxious to learn more about the secrets his class were keeping, so you'll be pleased to hear that he spent lots of time out of his cage hunting for clues! By reading this book I learnt how some secrets can be good (like what you have bought someone as a present) but that some secrets*

*make others feel left out and can hurt their feelings. I enjoyed reading Humphrey's 'Top Secret Scribbles' they made me wonder what he would find out about the friends in my class if he ever visited our school!*

**Hannah Pendell, age 9**

***Ssshhh! can you keep a secret? Secrets according to Humphrey is fantastic book! Secret clubs are going on in the classroom, Egypt projects ruined and way to many secrets!***

*Humphrey's back in town. With secret clubs and symbols and ruining projects and scary pharaohs. Humphrey needs to know some secrets or he will burst! With a student leaving, theres way to much going on in his paws to handle! Joey has a reading problem so Humphrey really, really, REALLY wants to help him find the perfect book. Some people aren't in a secret club so when all is revealed at the end there are some unhappy faces. Also will Mrs Mac prefer Ge-Ge her new classroom pet? The only way to find out is to get reading!*

**Evie Young, age 8**

*Humphrey is a class pet hamster who gets up to lots of adventures, I've read other Humphrey books and really enjoyed them and I was really looking forward to reading a brand new adventure. In 'Secrets', the class in room 26 are learning about Ancient Egypt but then a secret club starts to cause trouble with the pupils.*

*My favourite character in the book is Og the frog because he goes BOING-BOING. Humphrey is really funny because he always gets into trouble and repeats words a lot like FUNNY-FUNNY-FUNNY!*

*I like the secret codes in the book and trying to work out what they mean.*

***If you've read other Humphrey books you will like this one too, it is full of adventures and secrets.***

**Toby Pickering, age 7**

*This book is about a class pet named Humphrey. He lives in room 26 and has many adventures exploring the school.*

*I really enjoyed reading this book. The character had many exciting, funny and strange adventures.*

*Humphrey lived in Room 26 but explored all over the school. He really enjoyed going to the Library because he liked to learn new things. He also used his evenings to help his fellow classmates. Humphrey had lots of friends in this book from Aldo who cleaned the classrooms to Og the classroom frog.*

*I enjoyed the way the book was written because it felt like you were there having the adventures with Humphrey.*

*My favourite bit of the book was when Humphrey was feeling guilty about ripping Aldo's rubbish sack. Aldo thought that there were mice in his room which had nibbled his sack but actually Humphrey had been in there looking for his secret note book.*

*I would give this book a 10/10 and recommend it to all my friends and family as **I really enjoyed reading this story and look forward to reading about Humphreys other adventures.***

***Jemima Wilcox, age 10***

***There some bad secrets, some good secrets, and some very badly kept ones! You will like this book if you like hamsters.***

*It was a little young for me. I would've enjoyed it when I was 7, but it is still a good book. It is part of a series 'According to Humphrey' but you don't have to read the rest of the series to enjoy this one. You share his frustration because he understands the humans, but they don't understand him because he is a hamster! It's about secrets, but I'm not telling you what type of them because that is a secret! There some bad secrets, some good secrets, and some very badly kept ones! You will like this book if you like hamsters.*