

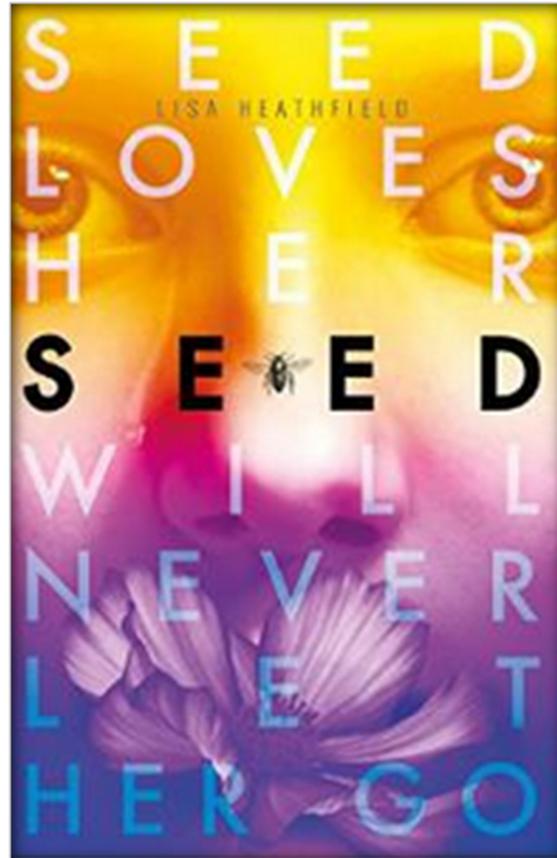
## LoveReading Reader reviews of Seed by Lisa Heathfield

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

### Edel Waugh

*This is the story about a young girl called Pearl who lives with her very large family. Her family is made up of a cult that goes by the name of 'Seed' and they believe in nature but on a dark level. This group has a leader that the family obey and they follow his leadership to the point of it leaving the reader uneasy. They keep themselves away from the outside world as much as possible so their life in this community they live in is basic and their leader is their source of knowledge on everything. I could not put this down when I started it ! The day to day life seemed at times normal and other times sent shivers down my spine . **If you want a gripping and heart stopping read that will pull at your heart strings then this is the book for you.***

<http://www.edelwaugh.blogspot.com>



### Izzy Read, age 14

*Pearl had lived her whole life at Seed, never doubting Papa.S or anything she ever had to do. But when a new boy from the outside arrives she starts to feel and hear new, different things and thoughts, Pearl starts to doubt everything she was ever taught...*

*The more I read the more I realised the people in the seed weren't just extreme hippies living in nature; there was something dramatically more sinister with*

layers of lies, abuse and mistreatment obvious to any outsider. I really liked the different view in this book, as Pearl wasn't the rebel or the heroine, she was just a somewhat naïve girl confused with what she was being told. I hadn't read any cult books before this so I enjoyed the mystery of it. However **I felt the ending was quite shocking and unpredictable; it took me a while to recover from it!** All in all I felt, 'Seed' was **a complex and interesting book with believable characters and surprising story line.**

<http://jumpinmuddypuddles.blogspot.co.uk/>

### **Destiny Maraj, age 13**

'Seed' was **the most unbelievable, jaw-dropping, eye-opening book I've ever read! It was absolutely amazing!** I have no words for how much I love it! It was so intense, exciting, thrilling, had a great plot and a fantastic yet very sad ending. I think the author has extreme talent. I honestly couldn't have asked for a better novel. It is **by far the best book I've ever read!!**

### **Sophia Ufton**

**Amazing book, really wanted to find out what happened!**

Pearl is 15 and she has just become a woman at Seed where she lives! She doesn't know her real mum but really wants to. Once a baby is born it is took off its birth mum. Papa.S is the leader and Mother Nature tells them all what to do! Three new 'outsiders' have entered seed with blessings from Mother Nature and Papa.S. Ellis is the new boy with his sister Sophie and mum Linda, they have been blessed to stay at Seed. Things start to happen to Pearl now that Ellis has arrived! She starts to doubt Seed!

This book is based on a cult, now I do not like cults but I found this book fantastic and cannot wait for the sequel!

This book should be reccommened for 12+ if not higher because of the intent that they must do as their leader says.

### **Farah Alam**

**This book is really interesting and, it's nice to see the main character Pearl develop throughout the book** as she slowly realises that her home Seed isn't the place she thought it was. I'm interested to see what happens in the next book.

### **Melanie Chadwick.**

*Seed is the best place in the world to live. At Seed no one is jealous or angry, no one lies and everyone is happy and there is no interference from the outside world. Pearl has lived here all her life and loves the calm peaceful life, the worship of nature and their esteemed leader Papa S. It is so beautiful she can't understand why anyone would want to leave.*

*When newcomers join the group at Seed, Pearl begins to learn about life outside. She is also attracted to the new teenager, Ellis and this makes it hard for her to keep believing that keeping herself for Papa S. is the correct thing to do. Cracks begin to show in the perfect veneer of the cult; as a horrific accident happens in the workshop secrets are revealed and Pearl starts to question the basic beliefs of their life there. The death of one of Pearl's dearest family members really makes her determined to escape Seed and start a new life outside.*

*The book gives a clear idea of how cults operate and how they can have a powerful hold and influence on young people especially. **The tension and action builds up throughout the book to a great ending.***

### **Delilah Acworth**

*'Seed', a tale centred around the dark lies of a cult, is surprisingly **heartwarming to read.** Of course, there is always irritation at not being able to warn the heroin of the doom that so obviously awaits, but the writing style is such that it grips the reader and let's them know of a better future for the character. **I would definitely recommend to those who seek literary adventure and a pinch of anguish.***

### **Michelle Toy**

***This book is hauntingly beautiful and deals with such sensitive and often rather unnerving subjects and situations. Lisa Heathfield's writing is stunning and beautiful in such a tender way!***

*I fell in love with this book from the minute I started reading it right through to the heart stopping end!*

*Every sentence is enriched with so much care and imaginative description that you fall in love with it.*

*'Seed' is the story of life lived in a cult.*

*The book is told from Pearl's perspective and begins with Pearl coming of age. Pearl is an adorable, innocent character who I wanted to protect. As a reader I was completely drawn into the book and immediately quite protective over Pearl and I was fully drawn into the community of Seed.*

*For me Lisa Heathfield has created one of the most hated controlling characters I think I have ever read in Papa S the leader of Seed!*

*I was unable to put this book down. This was again due to the writing, the way I felt about the characters and the perfect pacing. I think I even cried when I had to go to the shops as this book was glued to my hands. Seed captured me and my imagination completely. Seed did not want to let me go. I had to make sure Pearl was okay! Surely the sign of a fab book! And the end .....OMG!*

*I love Lisa's writing style and this book so much that I am so excited about what is to come next from this wonderful debut author! I for one cannot wait!*

*I urge everyone to read this book and experience it's beauty...my words do not do this book justice...go and experience 'Seed' for yourselves...it will stay with you long after reading....it will never let you go!*

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