

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Spell Thief** by Tom Percival



Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.

Daniel Bisland age 8

The story is about Jack and his friends Red, Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel. They are best friends. BUT when a new boy, Anasi, arrives in town, things go wrong; terribly wrong! Jack is convinced that Anansi is a troll spy and falls out with his friends while he is trying to convince them.

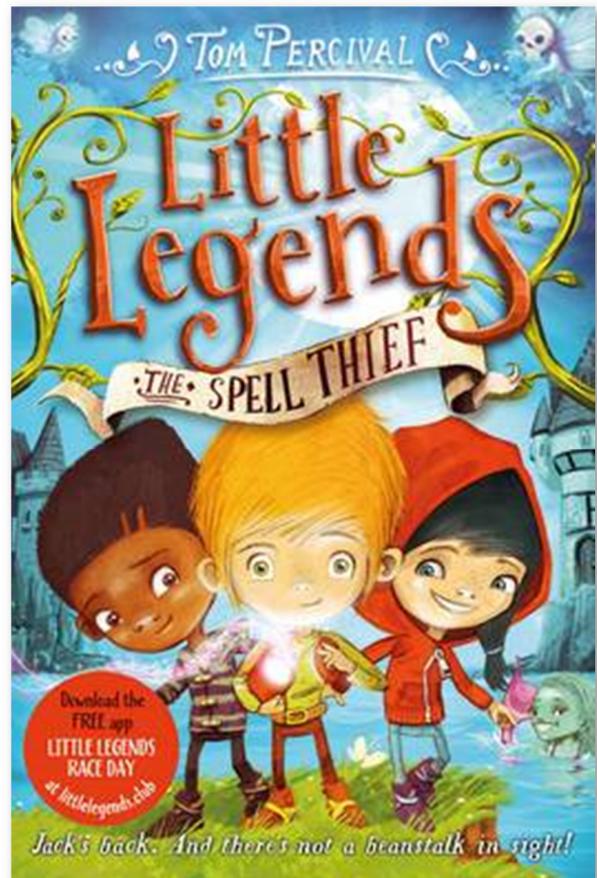
Does he get his friends back?

How does Jack prove it?

Why is there a mermaid?

I like this book because it's got characters from other stories. I recommend it to 7+ good readers. I give it 10,000/10,000!

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Buddug Griffith, age 8

Really enjoyed reading it. Great story, lots of good characters and can't wait to read the next one! 5 out of 5 stars!

I really enjoyed reading 'The Spell Thief'. It tells the story of Jack (the Jack of the beanstalk fairy tale) and his other friends who live in Tale Town - Red, Hansel and Gretel and Rapunzel.

When Anansi, a new boy comes to stay in Tale Town, Jack thinks he's out to trick them and is actually a friend of their enemies, the Trolls. So Jack tries to make his friends see who Anansi really is, but things don't go to plan.

I really liked the story and the characters - my favourites were Red and Lily. I think boys and girls around my age (8) would enjoy reading 'The Spell Thief' as it's a good story and has some funny bits too. I can't wait to read the next book when it comes out!

Freddie, age 8

An unexpected, exciting adventure story for people who enjoy fairytales.

I enjoyed this story so much because it kept me thinking what would happen next. The ending was the most surprising part of the entire story: I really didn't see it coming.

Tom Percival uses characters like Red Riding Hood and Jack from the Bean Stalk and brings them to life with amazing description. I can imagine them talking.

A real page turner!!!

Stefanie Reay, age 8

Very funny adventures with very familiar characters.

I really enjoyed this book. I liked that the characters were all characters from books that I already know.

Jack was a very cheeky boy, but he was fun to read about and his hen!

I like that I changed my mind about him during the story, I didn't know what he was going to do next and I went from liking him, to not liking him, to liking him again.

Agnes Rose Daniels, age 5

*I thought that that this book looked exciting at first. I was surprised by all the fairytale characters. **Betsy the chicken was very funny and I thought that Jack was brave when he went into the woods.** I liked all the pictures in the book, especially the picture of Lily the mermaid. I would like to read more of these books and I would recommend this book to any other girls and boys about my age. **This is the first book that I have ever read on my own.***

Toby, age 8

This is a story about a boy called Jack and his hen, Betsy. There's a new boy in town and Jack has his doubts. Jack is determined to get to the bottom of it.

This is a very good story about a boy called Jack and how he tries to follow his suspicions. He is determined that there is something fishy about the new boy Anansi and with the help of Betsy his talking chicken he will find out what Anansi is up to.

I really enjoyed this story as it was very intriguing whilst being funny. This meant that I always wanted to read on to find out what happens next.

Tom Henderson, age 6 (nearly 7)

I kind of enjoyed 'Little Legends: The Spell Thief'. I liked Jack because he was sneaky. I kind of liked Anansi because he was sensible. I wasn't very pleased to see all the fairy tale characters in the book because I don't really like fairy tales. I like the ending because Jack and Anansi became friends and Jack's dad was friends with Anansi's dad. I think that's a good ending.

Emily Yates, age 9

A magical mix of fairytales which creates a sense of excitement.

This is a brilliant read for children beginning to read chapter books. There is lots of magic in the story which means you never know what's coming next!

Most of the characters come from well-known fairytales like Red (Little Red Riding Hood) who is extremely bossy and the twins (Hansel and Gretel) who finish each other's sentences.

This is a quick easy read that keeps you on the edge of your seat. There is always a sense of excitement keeping you engaged.

You'll never be too old to read this story!

Cassandra Butler, age 6

I really loved this book as it has some of the nursery rhyme characters in it –

Jack of the beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and Hansel and Gretel and a mermaid called Lily who's a nice sea witch!

The story is about Jack and a new kid call Anansi who is new to the town. Jack thinks that Anansi is a troll spy and tries to prove it to his friends, but it keeps going wrong and it's really funny!

Two of my favourite characters are Betsy, Jack's talking hen (who only ever says "what?") and Lily the sea witch.

I could read this book all on my own as the chapters are not too long, but I read it out loud to Mummy mostly. I liked the drawings in the book too.

I really want to read the next book in the series when it comes out – 'The Great Troll Rescue'.

Emma and Sam Radford, age 5

We loved it! This is the first 'long' book that I have read with Sam and he was excited every night to read the next chapter. *The characters are fantastic and the story is engaging. Sam was drawn into the world and loved making predictions about what might happen next. He even came home from school one day to proudly tell me, "I've told some of my friends about 'Spell Thief' because it's really good!" We thought the ending was great and would love to read more of Jack and his friends' adventures.*

Andrew Goodall, age 7

This is a great book because it's an exciting adventure when you learn to understand to accept people for what they are and to tell the truth.

Jack is unhappy because a new boy comes to Tale Town but through being jealous and not trusting the new boy he makes lots of trouble. When he stops to listen to the truth he becomes the new boy's friend.

I liked the different characters because they are from Fairy Tales.

Evan Lewis, age 9

This book was exciting, it was very adventurous. My favourite character was probably, jack because he was very stubborn but

VERY funny and kind. I would recommend this book to children over 5.

Maya Lewis, age 7

I like this book because there are lots of amusing parts. My favourite character is Lily because she is kind and honest. My favourite part was when Anansi and Jack told each other amusing things.

I would recommend this book for ten out of ten for its funniness. I would buy the next book. I would recommend this book to 7yrs and over. I also loved the pictures in the book.

Darcey McIlroy, age 8

I loved the whole book especially the part where Lily's hair went crazy!

*This book is about Jack's life and his magic hen called Betsy. This story is about a town where stories grow on trees and a new boy arrives. The new boy gets friendly with a troll and Jack might have to use magic to save Tale Town. He has lots of adventures and even turns his friend Red into a mermaid. **This was the best book I have ever read.***

Grace Porter, age 7

I thought this book was really good. I would give this book 10/10 stars!

I liked the bit when Lily did a somersault under water.

My second favourite part was when Humpty fell down the well.

I would like to go to Greentops Cafe to try the milkshakes, they sound delicious!

I also enjoyed the part when Jack and Anansi say sorry to one another and when Jack thinks Anansi and him have the same Dad!

My least favourite part was when Jack had the magic mirror as it did not make him very nice!

When Tom Percival used italics it makes the reader say in a funny voice and I don't like people saying it in a funny voice because it doesn't really sound like them.

Thank you for giving me the chance to review this book, I have really enjoyed the experience.

Oscar Smith, age 8

A good read for 6-8yr old adventure lovers.

I enjoyed this book but I am nearly 9 and I think slightly younger children might enjoy it more. The characters are interesting, especially Anansi, and the plot is exciting.

I would like to read some more books from this author.

Anissa El-Asmar, age 7

I couldn't put this book down it was so good.

My favourite character was Jack because he kept trying to get the potions but they never worked.

I can't tell you a favourite part as it was all so good. I would highly recommend this book for anyone my age and I look forward to reading more little legend books.