Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of Spies in Disguise: Boys In Tights by Kate Scott

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

**Daniel Bisland, age 6**

*This book is about a boy (Joe) and his parents who are spies! One day they were spying and then they were in BIG DANGER! So Joe has to leave his old school and go to a new school and house. He has to be disguised as a girl so they don’t get caught by the person they were spying on. He made friends with a girl called Sam and they make a spy team. Using Joe’s parents spy gadgets they spy on their teacher Mr Caulfield because he was a robber and they call the mission Operation Numbered! Do they complete the mission? Do they find out Joe’s a boy? You will have to read to find out. I give it 1,000/1,000 because it’s a funny book and it’s extremely exciting. I would like to read ‘Boy in a Tutu’ because I like this one and I think it’s going to be funny too!*

**Sabina Beinart-Smith, age 6**

*I thought this book was really really really really funny because Joe had to go to school as a girl. But he wasn’t very good at being a girl! This book is about a boy named Joe!!!*
His parents are spies and they all have to disguise as other people to get away from their enemies.

Poor Joe has to disguise himself as a girl at school.

My favourite part is when Joe went to school as a girl because he has itchy legs in his tights.

It was funny when his friends mum still thinks that he is a girl and puts purple nail varnish on his fingers.

She also puts little pink stickers on his fingers and he pretends that he really likes his nail varnish and stickers.

He would rather just play football with his old friend Eddie.

**Miranda Beinart-Smith, age 8**

*This book is really funny because it's about a boy who goes to school undercover as a girl! He wears a frilly, pink dress, a blonde wig and pink and white tights!*

If you haven’t read this book – then you should! It’s about a boy named Joe who has spies as parents. Joe doesn’t realise that his parents are spies until they hurriedly start to pack and drive rapidly round many roads and motorways to get away from their enemies. If you want to hear more – then read this review, if you don’t – then look away.

My favourite part is when Joe has to go to school undercover as a girl because it is really funny that a boy is wearing tights, a blonde wig and a frilly, pink dress! The problem is ... his hairy legs. If someone notices – will his family be put in danger? His hairy legs are too much like a boy’s.

I also like it when Joe decides to practise his spying on his teacher and then finds out that his teacher really is plotting something!

I rate it 9 ¾ out of 10. I really think you should read it!

I believe that if you haven’t read this book by the time it’s been in the bookshops for three months – then you’d better run out, rain or shine and buy it!

**Daniel Harrison, age 7**

*This was quite a funny book.*

The book was about spies. A guy called Joe has to dress up as a girl to save his
family. He had to go to school and a girl became his friend! I liked it when they went to a new house because then Joe found out that his parents were spies. This was funny but not as funny as Horrid Henry or Mr Gum.

Brodie Greenslade, age 8

‘Spies in Disguise’ is a story about who a boy who has to go undercover at his school which means he has to dress up as a girl! I really liked the book because it made me laugh.

‘Spies in Disguise: Boy in Tights’ is a story about a boy called Joe who has an ordinary life until one day he comes home from school to find his parents packing their suitcases. They tell him they have to move house at once. They finally settle near a town and send Joe to a new school but before he goes they tell him that they are spies and that they are in danger.

To keep the family safe Joe has to go to school pretending to be a girl called Josephine, dressed in tights, a skirt, a blonde wig and behaving “extra girly”.

Strange things are going on at the school and “Josephine” starts to investigate leading to a funny adventure.

I liked ‘Boys in Tights’ because it was very funny and easy to read. It was so good I read it really quickly. The story was gripping – I didn’t want to take my eyes off the pages because I wanted to find out what would happen to Joe and his family. The ending made me smile.

I would recommend this story to other children and I am looking forward to reading ‘Boy in a Tutu’!

Ethan Douglas, age 9

Joe's parents are spies and are being tracked down by the enemy. Joe has to go in disguise (in a dress) to a different school. Can he survive without giving away his true identity? This is a very good book, very funny and awesome.

Sam Harper, age 10

A very funny book.

What would you think if your parents suddenly grabbed a couple of suitcases
and told you that you were moving house? What if this surprise was followed by a high speed car chase and hiding out in a hotel which smelt of cat wee? When Joe discovers that his parents are secret agents he is quite excited, until he realises that he has to disguise himself as Josephine, a really girly girl, in order to disappear.

He hates the itchy blonde wig, the frilly dress, the scratchy tights and the need for everything to be in various shades of pink. In fact, he is amazed when he goes to school and realises that some girls even like football and colours other than pink. He makes friends with Sam, a girl who is nothing like Josephine, and using his parents spy gadgets they discover that one of their teachers is planning to set up a fake charity in order to steal money from the school bank account. ‘Operation Numbered’ is under way but will Josephine and Sam have enough spy skills to catch the criminal and how will Sam react if Josephine’s true identity is revealed?

‘Boy in Tights’ is a great book. I loved the story and it was really funny when Joe realised that he had to transform into Josephine. *I can still picture him with his hairy legs in the scratchy tights and frilly dress and I can’t wait to read about his adventures in the next in the series. A real winner!*

Oliver Lonsdale, age 6

**This book is fantastic, it’s really funny and exciting all rolled into one.**

I loved this book. When I saw the boy in a dress on the front cover I wandered if I would like it but it was great and I hope there are more.

The book is about a young boy who finds out his parents are really spies when he has to leave his home suddenly and have a new identity as a girl. It’s very funny when he has to start wearing a dress and wigs and then has a mission of his own to solve with cool gadgets he borrows from his parents. My Mum read this book to me as it’s a bit long for me at the moment but I am hoping she will buy me the next one as ‘Boy in a Tutu’ looks even funnier

Liam Wilson, age 9

**A funny, exciting book.**

I would hate to have to wear a dress. That is probably my worst nightmare. So I
feel sorry for Joe. It's really funny how Joe has to pretend to be a girl.

The gadgets and spy stuff are really cool, like the door sensor and the internet dental floss.

I would definitely recommend this book, and will definitely read the others in this series.

I give it a 5/5 rating.!

Lily Benner, age 9

Joe finds out his parents are spies and his life totally changes.

Without even being able to say goodbye to his best friend Eddie he is forced to go on the run, and has to disguise himself as a girl to help protect the whole family.

With the help of Dan McGuire and his new friend Sam, Joe becomes a pretty good spy himself.

This book was like my favourite chocolate, I wanted to gobble it up but was sad when it was finished.

Jasmine Harris-Hart, age 12 – www.jasminesblogonbooks.blogspot.co.uk

When Joe discovers his mum and dad are spies he thinks it's great, until he realizes they are in danger! A good spy story, it keeps you guessing all the way through and plenty of laughs to be had too.

Joe's mum and dad are spies but now they are in danger, a "new life" is lined up for him.

He is sent to a new school, now in disguise as Josephine and he is not happy, especially as he has to wear girls clothes and a blonde wig.

Joe and his friend Sam set off to prove that Mr. Caulfield is stealing money from the schools bank.

It is full on "James Bond" style with recording devices such as a football, pens, rulers and also keys that can unlock any lock.

I liked this book and found it very funny although I would have liked to have seen more pictures of Joe and his friends.

I would recommend this book for boys and girls age 9 + and rate it 9/10. I look forward to reading the next book in the series; 'Spies in Disguise-Boy in a Tutu'.
Erica Motoc, age 7

A boy named Joe does not know that his parents are spies; but sooner into the story he finds out. **Joe has to go under-cover as a GIRL which is NOT GOOD AT ALL.** His new name is just like his old name: Josephine (Josie). Joe even has to go to school as a girl which he finds really hard as he won't keep his mouth shut. **You can imagine how funny that is!**

Joe makes a friend called Sam at school. She doesn't like liars. Uh-oh! How will Sam feel if she finds out that Josephine is actually Joe? Read the book to find out.

Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 11

I would rate this book five out of five stars for the following reasons.

I really liked the characters because they were all different and unique with varied personalities. The plot was about a boy whose world is turned upside down when he has suddenly got to dress up as a girl to protect his family. He leaves his old life behind him and enters a new one. New house, new clothes, new school, new person. This book is about what happens when he enters a new world which he is totally unfamiliar with. **This book is both funny and exciting.**

Jennifer Towler, age 8

*Loved it!* **I was nervous when Sam realised that Josie was a boy, but it was funny that the friends all wanted boxer shorts!**

A great book from start to finish, really exciting, funny and interesting at the same time.

I was glad that Josie did the right thing by Sam at the football match, and it was good that it all worked out in the end.

My favourite bit was when he had to go to the make over party, as this made him uncomfortable - I don’t like make over parties either, so I dont go!

*I would love to read ‘Boy in a Tutu’!*  

Thank you for the opportunity to review these books, it s fun!
Lucas, age 9

It was hilarious and I loved it!
I liked the idea of a girls football team because two of the team players were secret agents. My favourite gadget in the book was a little black box full of the most brilliant spy stuff like a trip wire and a dissolving net.
I loved the spy theme of the book and the fact that everyone has different identities.

George Johnson, age 7

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It was really really really funny! I loved the fact that there was a boy dressed up as a girl who was a spy - great idea for a story.
It was easy to read and I finished it quickly because it was so good.
I'm looking forward to the next book – BOY IN A TUTU!

Lucy Bridges, age 8

I like 'Boy in Tights' because it is a mixture of a crime story and a funny story. The title makes me want to read more, it is such a good book.
The best part of the book was when his tights ripped all up his leg because he was dressed in a dress, tights and a wig that was a blonde colour.
This is cool because his mum and dad are spies and he doesn't know until chapter three and he doesn't know that he is going to pretend to be a girl so he doesn't know much about the whole thing that is why it is exciting!
I want to read more of Kate Scott books because I think they will be awesome. This a brilliant book for my age, everyone that reads this book will absolutely LOVE IT and I mean LOVE IT to bits. So read this book, get it and read it now! (it is amazing!)

Alex Bateman, age 8

Amazing! This book made me feel alive and happy throughout. I liked the characters Sam, Joe, (Josie who is really Joe - you will find that out in the book), Mum and Dad who are spies, Sam Jodie's friend, Melissa and Narida
and Eddie (that's all). Their passions are football, dancing, sport and being a spy. Football is for Joe, Josie and Sam. Dancing is for Narida and Melissa and sport is Mr Caulfield's love. Being a spy is what mum and dad love most.

My favourite part was the beginning because it was so dramatic as Joe was suddenly told to get his things together as they were leaving their life behind. He was confused and excited and it was thrilling as he made his get away.

Nicholas Butler, age 8 -
http://mrsmanic.blogspot.co.uk/2014/06/lovereading4kids-book-review.html

‘Spies in Disguise’ is about who a boy called Joe who has to move and go to a new school. However, his parents are spies and in trouble so he has go undercover as a girl called Josie!

I very much enjoyed this book because I thought it was funny that Joe had to dress up as a girl due to his parents being spies and being chased by bad people that want to hurt them. My favourite part was I thought, amusing, it was when Joe had to put a dress and tights on for the first time. I think he felt very uncomfortable wearing girls’ clothes!

Joe uses all his parents equipment to undertake some spying of his own with his new friend Sam.

This book is aimed at children aged 7+ as there are some difficult words in it. I would very much recommend this book to both girls and boys. Star rating 5/5!