

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Anastasia Abdian, Age 11

'Time Travelling With a Hamster' is a fantastic book. You will laugh and cry as you read about Al Chaudhury's adventure to prevent an accident and save his father. You must read this amazing novel.

In this book Al Chaudhury is on a quest to stop an accident his father had as a child, which causes his death. Though not everything goes as plan when his father falls off a cliff! What will happen when he goes back to the present? Read 'Time Travelling With a Hamster' to find out!

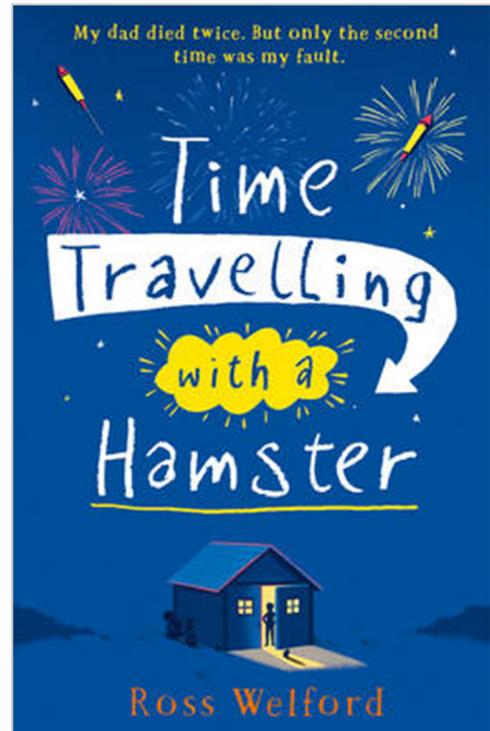
Isaac Phelan, age 12

Time travel, presently the most excitable science the world has ever seen. Ross's intriguing novel is almost better than time travelling itself.

Most people never base their books on time travel, as it is presently impossible. However Ross has gone where no author has gone before, delving into something which has puzzled scientists for generations.

During the course of the book, a boy named Albert is set a task from his dead father to prevent the cause of his death in 1984. Albert's father owns a time machine. Only not as fancy as you would think, in fact it wasn't a great looker. However, this amazing contraption actually works. Will he manage to save his dad all without losing his hamster Alan Shearer?

Every single character in this book has a special meaning. For example: Grandad Bryon has an amazing memory trick which I have taught my family. Trust me, it actually works! Another example is his dad, always be careful on your go-kart! These characters make you laugh and sometimes cry. But it is always an adventure.



My favourite part is when Albert discovers his dad's secret underground bunker which was actually used to protect yourself from a nuclear bomb. Inside his father's lab he first came into contact with the time machine.

I really like the way that Ross made the time machine more unappealing than most others. This in a strange way makes it more excitable. Most of the time machines are fancy and weird, but this one is small and normal.

I would put this book towards everyone who loves adventure. This book is a pleasurable read for all ages.

Georgie Docwra, age 10

I really enjoyed reading 'Time Travelling with a Hamster' as it is a very funny book, which made me laugh out loud.

The story describes a boy called Al whose dad died when he was 8. The book tells you all about the mysterious letter that he receives and about a very unusual time machine. My favorite character is probably his grandpa Byron because I like the funny words and phrases that he makes up. I think children from 9 plus should read it. Altogether it was a fabulous read and I can't wait to read the rest in the series.

Jenna Welch, age 11

This book really creates a life-like gripping atmosphere whilst you read it. Welford spins a truly good yarn with brilliant characterisation throughout the book. Great for pet lovers, but anyone could enjoy it particularly older readers. A very scientific down to earth book yet, fanciful and imaginative tale. However it contains a very secretive plot, you try to guess what it is, but it takes an unexpected twist and you can't work out what's coming next.

Stephanie Chaplin

The book is all about a boy whose father had died and has written his son a letter before he died. The letter is all about a secret project his father has been working on for years. The boy's name is Albert but Al for short. Al did as his father had requested but a big problem started to form. He goes back and does not exist to anyone he ever knew. The problem has happened and he will be a nobody for ever on.

My favourite part was when Al and his father were reunited. My favourite character is Al because, he is confident and caring, and he is sneaky and likes

reading. I loved this book because it has action all the way through and it was hard to put the book down.

Sam Harper, Age 11

An amazing story which is funny, gripping and has a cute hamster in it – what more could you want from a book? It's an absolutely brilliant read, I loved it!

Al's life changes monumentally when, on his 12th birthday, he receives a letter from his father. The letter tells him to go to his old house where he will find a time machine hidden in a nuclear bunker. All of this comes as a bit of a shock to Al as his dad died when he was eight and he had no idea any of this even existed. His dad's messages from the past teach Al how to use the time machine so that he can go back to 1984 to remove a brick and a broken shopping trolley from the promenade. By doing this he will save his dad from a go-karting accident and ultimately prevent his death. However things don't exactly go to plan. There's a lot of time travel, his hamster, Alan Shearer, is nearly launched into space on multiple fireworks and his dad dies, again. Al needs to remember that changing the past can have huge consequences and they're not always good.

This was an amazing story. It was funny, gripping and had a cute hamster in it – what more could you want from a book? I loved the suspense, which drew me in from the very first page, and the way the story was filled with emotion. The fact that it was set near Whitley Bay, where my Gran lives, made it even more special as I know that area so well. It felt very personal, like the whole story could have actually happened to me. An absolutely brilliant read, I loved it!

Lauren Carver, age 9

'Time Travelling with A Hamster' is a funny and quite emotional book. The ending is lovely and cherishing. I think Ross is very talented and thoughtful. Best book ever!

Alexander Bisland, age 10

Albert Chaudhury is 12 and has received a letter from his dad; his dead dad. He has to break into his old house to get a second letter. This letter tells him how to time travel back to 1984 to prevent his father's tragic death in a go-kart accident. He has to do all of this whilst trying not to lose his precious hamster Alan Shearer and keeping it a secret from his grandad Byron, his mum, step-dad Steve and step-sister Carly.

Can he time travel?

Does he cause an accident or does he save his dad?

Does he lose his hamster?

This book has a rollercoaster of emotions and it ends with a cliff-hanger. I would really like to read a sequel. I recommend this book to ages 11+ as it has some inappropriate content for younger readers.

I give it 5.*

Amanda Curtis

I really like this book especially Alan Shearer and the time machine.

I would recommend it for eight plus and for children that like hamsters and time travel.

My favourite part is the end.

Louie Mee, age 10

I liked this book as it was about travelling in time.

I liked the bit when Al goes back to 1984 and manages to save his dad's life so it changes what happens in the future

The characters were believable and I hope the story is too as I want to time travel too.