

## LoveReading Reader reviews of Trial By Fire by Josephine Angelini

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

**Esmé Molloy, age 14**

***If there were awards for 'Esmé's Favourite Books' (which there should be) This book would win every single one!!!!***

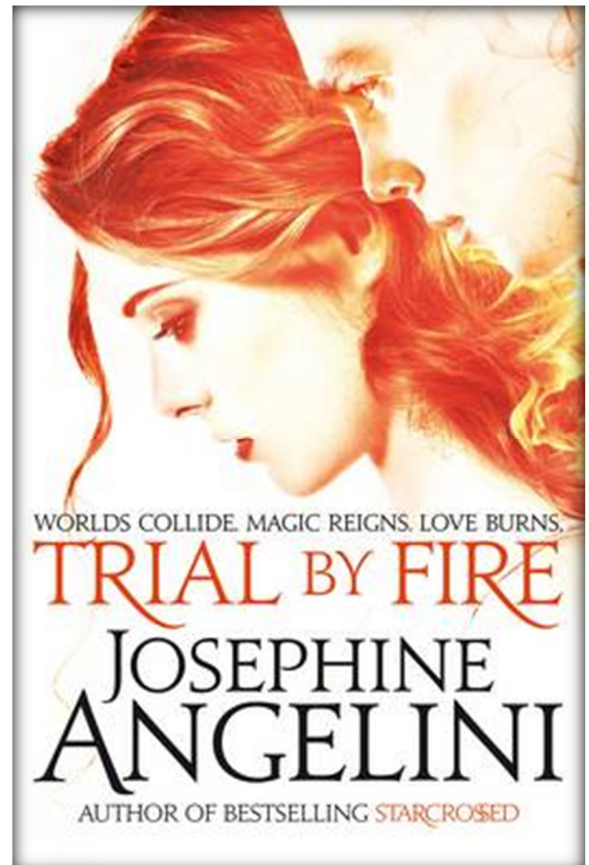
**L.O.V.E.D it!**

*This book carries you on a tidal wave of emotions.*

*You start off feeling pity for the naïve and struggling Lily, then as the tale spins off in an unexpected twist you feel all her pain and happiness as if you are there next to her, you feel alone, scared, powerful, weak, mighty, poor.*

*Without ruining the whole storyline, I found myself truly believing in this unbelievable fantasy, I especially enjoyed revelling in the idea of having a different planet for every single decision you make, some for better, some for worse. Personally I believe Angleini has made every right choice in this Incredible tale, and I would certainly LOVE to read a sequel, especially with this book ending as it does (I cried, for a whole hour, and then re read the book to check I hadn't missed out any pages. The ending truly is that devastating).*

*BEST BOOK EVER from my new favourite Author!!!!!!*



**Sarah Murray, age 16 - <http://everyoneneedsabooknook.blogspot.co.uk/>**

***A must read fantasy adventure of different worlds, witches and war. This addicting first in the 'Worldwalker' trilogy is thrilling and already has me counting down the days until the next installment.***

*Magic, romance and doppelgangers- what more could you ask for?*

*Lily is torn from her own world to a new one where she is no longer a sickly teenager but a powerful rival to the Lady of Salem, Lillian (aka Lily's other self.)*

*I absolutely adored this book and the world Josephine Angelini has created where magic is abundant. The idea of parallel worlds is not new but this book makes it feel different and exciting. I loved how in the world of New Salem magic is used in replacement of electricity, plastic and science itself- but is that a good thing? Through the use of multiple view points it is very hard to see what is right and what is wrong which makes me even more eager for the next book.*

*The use of romance in this book was cleverly done in a way that only adds to the main plot line rather than distract. I applaud Josephine for finding the perfect balance of romance in a Y/A fantasy novel as other examples have proved how crucial that is to writing a truly great story.*

*I highly recommend this book to everyone and I cannot wait until 2015 when 'Trial of Tears' (the next installment) is released.*

#### **Imogen Fisher, age 14**

*I always like to read books with magic in them, so I enjoyed reading 'Trial By Fire'. I did find it a bit confusing at first, because there ended up being two characters who were the same person, however after the first few chapters I had really gotten into the book, and loved the idea. It is very different to other books based around magic that I have read, but I think this makes 'Trial By Fire' even better, I liked reading the action parts just as much as the parts purely based on magic. I hope I will be able to read another book based in this world.*

#### **Thora Harrison, age 13**

***A complicated book entwined with strangle magical myths and other oddities.***

*Lily finds it difficult to cope, suffering from many diseases and allergies. But while thinking about how she wishes to be taken away to somewhere else, she is snatched away to another universe. Despite some boring bits, the book was enjoyable, and the world it was set in was awesome. The only reason I don't love this book is because it is a bit hard to follow. I'd give it a six and half to seven out of ten. You need to spend a bit of time figuring out what is going on, but overall it is quite good.*

**Kynthia Ravikumar, age 14**

***'Trial by Fire' is an original book which entails major plot twists. This book is one of few which is produced by generating many ideas and putting them together like a jigsaw.***

*When I read the blurb of Trial by Fire, I didn't quite know what to expect from the book. And when the book started off with the unoriginal 'high school party' idea, I thought 'Oh god, I don't think this will be very interesting'. However, I read on and was surprised to be sucked into a new magical world powered by witches! I thoroughly enjoying the huge twist from the high school party to the innovative Salem.*

*I hope this book will turn into a series as 'Trial by Fire' certainly ended off abruptly making you wonder what will happen next. All in all, I LOVED THIS BOOK and would recommend it to anyone without hesitation.*

**Amelia White, age 14**

***I love this book, its amazing! I couldn't stop reading!***

*Lily is an ordinary girl, who after a disastrous party finally gives into Lillian, she is Lily but from another world, so when Lily is brought to Lillian's world she doesn't understand where she is. She chased by Lillian's enemy Rowan him thinking she is Lillian and then introduced to Caleb and Tristan? Her ex best friend? Together they train Lily to become a witch and receive her willstones. But is Lillian really the true enemy? Or is she trying to protect her world?*

*This would have to be one of my favourite books, it only took me two hours to finish, I couldn't put it down! I loved being transported into Lillian's world and learning more about what its actually like and the different magical jobs. The author, Joshephine Angelini, helps transport you with Lily to another world. I really love how some of the characters can communicate though there minds and can only tell the truth, it helps you learn how truthful the characters actually are. I really loved this book and know you will enjoy being transported to a new world.*

**Poppy Jeavons, age 15**

***I thought that 'Trial By Fire' was very well written and easy to get into. I didn't like all of the romance, but found it very hard to put***

*down* and found it quite gripping. I felt that the ending didn't quite make sense, but as it's part of a trilogy I expect all will become clear later on!

**Jade Brown, age 13**

***An original modern day story of science meets witchery and socery. A rollercoaster of a read of a girl called Lily who knows she is different and needs to get away before modern day sucks the life from her.***

*I read this on holiday in one go, what a great read!*

*This was an absorbing witch book with a modern theme to this, the main character has some terrible allergies (one of the problems for any one living in modern times) but the reader guesses there are more sinister reasons. This is the first book in this series. It is a really fast paced book and I could not put this down, I craved for more and was not disappointed.*

*The main character is Lily Proctor with her modern day problems, but deep inside she knows she is different – with voices in her head and the fact she is from another world. This is science meet witchery and initially the reader thinks this could be overwhelming. But sticking with the book this has war threatening in the background, Lily taking on the role effortlessly – the author does not give away the whole story of why this has happened to Lily. A world with strange and frightening creatures. This book is a melting pot of witchcraft.*

*I found the ending I was putting on the breaks and asking a lot of whys and where does this go from here.*

*Well written and a must for all fans of witches out there will certainly be looking out for book two.*

**Phoebe Allan, age 14**

*'Trial by Fire' is **one of the most brilliant tales I've read.** Angelini successfully creates a parallel world that somehow manages to take us somewhere that is better than our own world with magic, wonder and adventure; but also manages to show us to cherish what we have, no matter how small or lousy it seems. With lovable characters, confusing villains, romance and hardship, **Lily Proctor drags us into her life which I did not want to surface from. A truly magical story... ;)***

*Thumbs UP!*

**Nat, age 17**

***A fantastic and original book full of magic, love and adventure.***

*In 'Trial by Fire' by Josephine Angelini, Lily Proctor is different to other teenagers. She has life-threatening allergies which stops her from living her life. One day, Lily decides to go to a party for the first time but things do not go to plan. She is humiliated by her best friend, Tristan who she is in love with. From one minute to another she finds herself in another Salem, an alternate universe where there are witches, wovens and outlanders. She comes across Lillian who is identical to her in appearance but is evil in her Salem. She makes new friends Rowan, Tristan and Caleb. 'Trial by Fire' has a very good plot and is original. It is full of magic and love. I could not put the book down and when I read the last sentence, I could not wait to read the next one.*

**Megan Abbott, age 16**

***Fast paced, adventure packed novel. Definitely a good read!***

*One word to describe this book is amazing! From the onset and through out I was completely hooked and enjoyed it immensely. This world is trying to kill Lily Proctor. Her life threatening allergies keep her from enjoying many of the experiences that other teenagers take for granted such as going to a high school party. But Lily's life never goes according to plan and after a humiliating moment in front of half her graduating class, she is suddenly transported to a different Salem- one overrun with horrifying creatures and ruled by magic. How will she get back home?*

*This book will appeal to anyone that loves adventure packed novels with a hint of magic. I will admit that sometimes the plot is hard to follow but it did help that the story was from different perspectives to get a better idea of what is going on. I really hope that there is a sequel; I need to know what happens next!*

**Amy Laws, age 13**

***What starts off as what seems to be a teenage romance/ family story suddenly twists into a whole new world, quite literally!***

*This book starts off as quite a realistic novel about a girl dealing with life in high school, with the added pressure of severe allergies and everyone thinking her mum is crazy. It takes a complete turn and then turns into a historical and a bit futuristic setting. Lily has to learn to cope with her new life which she is*

*expected to know everything about, but she knows nothing. I really enjoyed seeing how Lily coped and how she adapted to her new life. I wasn't expecting much because the blurb didn't do this book justice but it turned out to be a lot better than I had imagined. I would recommend 'Trail By Fir'e to anyone who likes books that are a bit outside the box as this one certainly is!*