Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of
The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Bethany Urquhart, age 7
My favourite bit was listening to Millie telling the story of Bertie growing up in Africa. I liked the bit where he meets the lion because I could see him next to me as I was reading. I also liked the descriptions of the surroundings near Bertie’s home.

Reading the book made me feel like I was actually there which was good because it helped me to understand the story and know what the characters were thinking. My favourite character was Millie and how she told the story.

It is a very good children’s book and I think lots of them would like to read it whether they were girls or boys. Christian Birmingham was so good at illustrating that the pictures looked like photos that had been copied in black and white.

Elspeth Paterson, age 9
This short book is really well written and I enjoyed reading it. The story is about a boy, who ran away from school after being bullied. He meets a woman who tells him about her beloved husband, Bertie, and how they met. The lion of the title is part of this lovely tale. Her tale helps the boy to face his fears. I am going to be re reading this book at school and am looking forward to rereading it and will enjoy sharing it, with others. The boy, who ran away from school after being bullied, meets a woman who tells him about her beloved husband, Bertie, and how they met. The lion of the title is part of this lovely tale. Her tale helps the boy to face his fears. I am going to be re-reading this book at
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I like how the woman tells about Bertie’s life from when he first lived in a farmstead in South Africa to surviving the World War. It shows that you don’t have to give up on things that seem far away or difficult. Bertie gives away his lion cub to the circus because it is getting too large. When he grows up he searches for the lion as soon as he is able to even after a leg injury from the war.

Reading this makes me feel happy, like I am sitting in a tree looking out over the savannah watching all the animals as the story unfolds.

I love the ending, it is my favourite part of the book but do not wish to spoil it for other readers. It is worth the wait.

Amrit Bunet, age 15

‘All my life I’ll think of you, I promise I will. I won’t ever forget you.’ Micheal Morpurgo’s words light up your heart in this beautiful book- ‘The Butterfly Lion’.

The Butterfly Lion is a book that will make you smile as you turn over page after page. You will absolutely love the story of Bertie and his butterfly lion. Their blossoming friendship is unique and won’t let you put this book down.

Bertie and his butterfly lion are united until Bertie is sent to a boarding school and is separated from his companion. However Bertie promises that his friendship will be united once again with his companion-the butterfly lion.

Anyone will be able to read this heartwarming story and feel a smile creep across their face. This is one of Morpurgo’s great works and will always be one to remember.