

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Poppy Stephens, age 11**

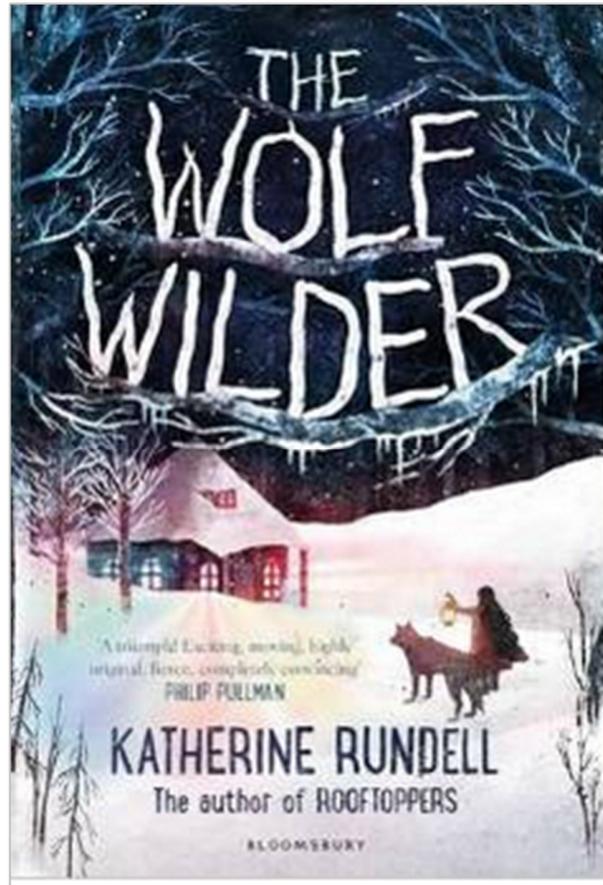
***'The Wolf Wilder' is an amazing book I loved it so much, it was very creative and imaginative yet it also had some historical accuracy. It is very well written and I couldn't put it down!***

*This book is set in Russia in the early 1900s and is all about a twelve year old girl called Feo who lived with her mother and trained captured wolves to become wild again until her mother is taken away by a general of an army and it is all up to Feo to stop the general and bring back her mother!*

**Sam Harper, age 11**

***A snowy, action-packed adventure full of wild animals and excitement. If you like thrilling animal stories you'll love this.***

*Feo is a wolf wilder, a skill which she learnt from her mother, Marina. Wolf wilders are the opposite of animal tamers, they teach tame animals, who have grown too big to be kept as pets, how to return to the wild and fend for themselves again. She and her mother live happily in a basic wooden house in the middle of the forest until the crazy and evil General Rakov orders them to destroy any wolves which are sent to them. They can't do this, Feo has grown up with the wolves and she would die for them. Feo and her mother must be secretive and careful if they are going to disobey Rakov's orders and keep their*



wolves alive but when he discovers this he destroys their home, arrests her mother and vows to kill Feo and the wolves. Feo goes on the run with her wolves, Black, White and Grey. She runs for her life through the freezing Russian snow to find a way to save her mum from execution. She meets Ilya, a young soldier, Alexei and others who help her. Maybe if they all stand together they can defeat the evil Rakov who has killed, starved and destroyed so many people's lives. Maybe they can save Marina. Maybe they can start a revolution.

'The Wolf Wilder' is a snowy, action-packed adventure full of wild animals and excitement. It made me shiver just reading about the different types of cold Feo lived in, the ice cold, hard cold and blind cold which could kill you so easily. She is brave, has amazing survival skills and I loved the friendship she had with the wolves, how she could understand them, ride them and even talk 'wolf'. If you like thrilling animal adventures you'll love this.

#### **Erica Motoc, age 9**

'The Wolf Wilder' is a really good book.

My favourite part of the book was where Feo and Marina live happily ever after and Ruckov is never to be heard of again. I think the book is ideal for a tiny bit older readers like 9+ because it includes some violence. If I were to choose a character to be I would be Ilya because he is a really fun person. **The book is a page turner, you can barely stop to have your dinner!**

I would recommended it to other children.

#### **Brodie Greenslade, age 9**

**'The Wolf Wilder' is an exciting story about a girl and her friends who try to save both the wolves and the people of Russia from the threat of the Russian Army.**

They all go on an amazing journey to save Feo's mother, Marina, from a man called General Rakov who is a danger to the wolves that Feo and her mother protect and to all the people of Russia.

Feo and Ilya go on an astounding adventure to get Marina back. Before they find her they meet several friends – Sergei, Alexei and Yana – who all help them on their journey.

I liked 'The Wolf Wilder' because it had a good plot and I like wolves so it was a very exciting book to read.

*I think other children – and adults too – will enjoy this book because there is something in it for everyone to enjoy; beautiful scenery, interesting characters and lots of different animals including a cute wolf cub!*

**Celeste Phelan, age 13**

***An original read but with the authority of an established classic.***

*Feodora had always encountered a compelling connection with wolves ever since she was a child. But in Russia times are difficult and Feo's mother is brutally captured by soldiers, under the command of the terrible General Rakov. In a dangerous journey to release her mum, Feo finds her only allies are the wolves, Ilya and a mob of children. But in the eve of a revolution anything is possible.*

*Feo is a feisty yet determined girl whose trust and friendship is not easily earned. Her long lasting relationship with wolves is constantly put to the test but is unbreakable. Ilya is a young trainee soldier but his loyalty to Feo is undeniable and his faith in her is strong and untouchable.*

*This book was written in the third person which made it feel as if you are on looking Feo's complicated situation. This helped me connect with Feo and understand her problems.*

*I have read only one book which could be considered similar to this fantastic read and that is 'Wolf Princess' by Cathryn Constable.*

*I would recommend this book to children 9+ as it is a great book and incredibly enjoyable. I have read books by Katherine Rundell before and I've loved them all. If you like adventure then this book is definitely for you. Although, slow in places the story line was imaginative. The end was a little disappointing but a worthwhile read.*

**Emily Lonsdale, age 9**

*'The Wolf Wilder' is a book about a girl called Feo and her Mum who basically train wolves to be wild again. It's set in Russia and rich people there like to have wolves in their homes as a status symbol. However they quickly get fed up with the wolves and it is bad luck to let them die in your home so they get sent to Feo and her Mum.*

*The leaders of Russia though don't like this business thought of sending wolves back into the wild and send out a search party of soldiers to hunt Feo and her*

*Mum down. The rest of the story is about whether they succeed and who Feo meets on this adventure and her relationships with the wolves*

***I liked this book because it was exciting, you didn't know what was going to happen next and my Mum also enjoyed it. It was a new subject to read about and I would read it again and recommend it to other friends.***

**Alex Hall, age 9**

***This story was well written. It captured my imagination. It was a wild story of adventure, hiding and rebellion. I enjoyed the story because I like nature & adventure.***

*This story took place in Russia. Feo and her mother were wolf wilders. They would train tamed wolfs to be able to fend for themselves and then release them back in the forest. A ten minute walk away from Feo's house was a crumbled down ruin of a chapel where a pack of three wolves lived. Feo and her friend Ilya set off on an adventure around the country, taking the wolves with them. I enjoyed this story because I like nature and adventure I also liked the names of all the characters. It was a wild story of adventure, hiding and rebellion.*

**Rosie Watch - Teacher**

*Definitely worth the wait however, 'The Wolf Wilder' was **one of the most compelling and vivid childrens' books that I have read in some time.** The unusual story line seemed completely believable and real. The descriptions of the intense cold had me reaching for a jumper and Feodora's affinity with the wolves has made me see them in a whole new light.*

*My only reservation is the type of child to recommend the book to? There are some political overtones that take it beyond a book just for animal lovers. I look forward to taking it into class tomorrow.*

**Francesca Hopkins**

*I found 'The Wolf Wilder' very thrilling and exciting, it was a beautifully vivid story, really hard to put down I love it!*

*I would highly recommend to 10+ readers*

**Isbael Kardos-Stowe, age 11**

***I think this is a good book for both boys and girls of all ages. I would rate it 7/10.***

*'The Wolf Wilder' is about a young girl called Feo. She lives with her mother in a small house in the woods of Russia. She loves wolves and knows them inside out. She was happy, but then the soldiers came. They were threatened and eventually Feo was forced into a journey with her wolves to try to find her mother. Will she succeed?*

*I found that I couldn't really get into this book, but I don't really know why. There was nothing that I could find wrong with it, it just couldn't get me turning the pages. Having said that, I did cry at one point in the book. I definitely felt the emotions of the characters. My favourite character was Ilya, Feo's sidekick. I thought he was a very loyal and kind friend. I also liked the wolves' characters as they were also very loyal and even willing to risk their lives for Feo. Overall, I think this is a good book for both boys and girls of all ages. I would rate this book 7/10.*

**Maia Fuller, age 10**

***I think that this book is amazing and would recommend it to all KS2's. I love the character of Feo and enjoyed reading her adventures as a wolf wilder.***

*This story is about a girl called Feo. In the book rich people have wolves as pets and when they get bored of having a wolf around they send it to a wolf wilder. Feo and her mum are the wolf wilders. It is their job to take the wolves and make them wild again.*

*But not everyone thinks the wolves should be made wild again and they try to stop Feo and her mum doing their work. Events take a nasty turn and Feo's mum is taken prisoner.*

*Feo is desperate to rescue her mum so she goes off with a new friend to try and save her from the Russian prison. But it's not easy...*

*I think this book is brilliant. It really draws you in and when you read it you feel like you're actually there and experiencing what Feo is experiencing.*

*The illustrations are beautiful and really help the story. My favourite character is Feo. I like how she is always brave and never gives up. The part I liked the*

*most was when the pup was born. It looked so cute! The funniest part for me was when Feo's friend, Ilya, thought that the pup wasn't supposed to be blind and said "it's blind! Feodora help it!" Feo said that it was supposed to be.*