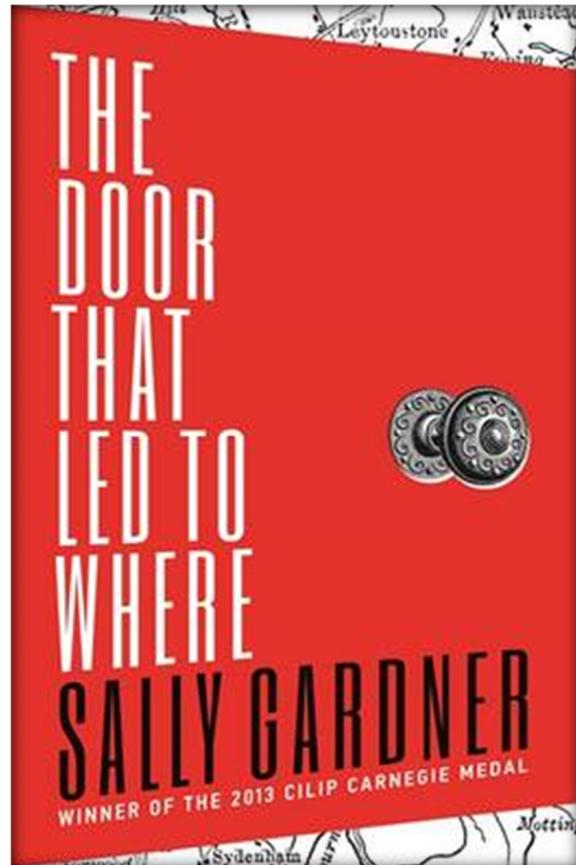


LoveReading Reader reviews of The Door That Led To Where by Sally Gardner

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

Katherine Sheldon

*I decided to read this because of the interesting blurb it contained and because I've read two other Sally Gardner books 'The Red Necklac'e and the sequel 'The Silver Blade', both outstanding books so I thought I'd try this one. 'The Door That Lead To Where' takes a while to start off but once he finds the door everything is on a wild roller coaster of a ride that starts off slowly, begins to gather pace and by the end of the book it is going at tremendous speed, it is written differently from 'The Red Necklace' and 'The Silver Blade' but it is still **an astounding book that doesn't stop surprising you with the information it reveals until the very end.***



Ella Hollingshead

A boy who doesn't know his full name nor his dad, a mum who dislikes him, one GCSE, a love for novels, an unexpected job offer, a key and a door that leads to the past mixing with the present.

Aiden Jobey has finally learnt his full name. For years his mother wouldn't tell him, only calling him AJ. Aiden is a disappointment to his mum, in fact she positively dislikes him and he knows it. He prefers to be at the library reading his way through classic novels.

His life changes though after an interview secures him a job in a solicitor's

office. He settles in, probably a bit too well and gets drawn into the peculiar happenings of the people who work there. The present becomes mixed up with the past through an unlocked door in which he finds himself to be the keys entitled holder. Should he finally lock the door and leave the past where it belongs forever?

A good read, however I thought there were too many characters and found myself having to flip back to remind myself who was who on several occasions.

Hannah Bibby

What an amazing book! Full of excitement and suspense, adventure and mystery, it tells the story of two different times. Once you pick this book up, you won't want to put it back down!

Wow! I really loved this book.

It is about a boy called AJ Flynn who has just taken his GCSEs but only passed one of them. His mum has somehow managed to get him a trial job as a junior clerk. AJ needs to make sure he gets the job but while he's clearing out the archive he finds a strange key, labelled with his name and date of birth and he can't help but keep it. It leads him off on a crazy journey... to 1830.

This book is really well-written and I enjoyed it a lot. It is a thrilling story with ups and downs. I think lots of teenagers could relate with the main character and learn a lot from this story.

I would definitely recommend this book, especially to older readers and I hope others enjoy reading it as much as I did!

Poppy

I really enjoyed 'The Door That Lead To Where'. **It was very gripping and exciting. I didn't like some of the language used, but the characters were good and imaginable. Hard to put down and touching.**

Amisha McCrystal

St Colm's High School

Time travel with a difference! This is the most believable story of time travel. AJ's life is not a happy one until he is given a key which unlocks a

whole new world – 1830's London. This is not such a sanitary or savoury place to be, but for some of his friends it proves to be a godsend and feels like heaven to them. The sights, smells, architecture and costumes of 1830 in London really come to life in this novel. Sally Gardner makes an effortless transition from one era to the next.

I just loved the storyline of the dysfunctional family, the mysteries and the importance of friendships and families.

*Sally Gardner writes in an easy, flowing style. I have loved her past books such as 'Tinder'. **I had this novel finished far too soon and I hope she has a sequel** as we would love to find out what happens to everyone in the future.*

I would recommend this novel to 12+ Pick it up and read it, you will love it.

Delilah Acworth

*'The Door that lead to Where' was **an entirely intoxicating read, full of adventure and personal endeavour.** Sally Gardner writes with such imagination that **her words leap from the pages and become moving, fire breathing images.** A definite award winner in the future!*

Ronan McCarthy

*I enjoyed 'The Door that lead to Where'. It's incredibly well written and you felt a strong connection to all the characters. I like how you are never quite sure who's who, **I like that it incorporates time travel and mystery as well a story about three boys trying to get their lives together.***

Edel Waugh - <http://edelwaugh.blogspot.com>

From the moment I received this book I had a good feeling about it as soon as I saw the cover. A door with a map behind it, I was intrigued! This is the story about a young man called AJ. He does not have the best life, his mother is not a great one and there is not much money to go around.

His life takes a huge turn for the best when he gets a job all thanks to his mother. The past and present become closer then they seem and there are many adventures ahead of him all because of his mysterious father. The book travels between present day and 1830 meeting various interesting characters and some time travelling criminals. My favourite characters were AJ and Elsie, Elsie is the mother figure that he never really had and she is a real rock for him, I loved

their scenes together!

If you like adventure, mystery and time travel with some heart warming scenes then this is the book for you!

Louisa Cunliffe – twitter @LouisaCunliffe

Time Travel, Mystery, Murder and Romance. This book has a bit for everyone. 'The Door That Led To Where' is face paced, intriguing and keeps you guessing until the very last page.

AJ Flynn has just started working as a clerk at a law firm, but when he finds a key engraved with his name and date of birth his entire life unravels. The key not only opens a door into 18th century England, it throws open new questions: What really happened to AJ's father? What century does AJ really belong in?

This is a very clever book that carefully entwines the present and the past together to craft a fantastic story. Not only this, but Sally Gardener has created a beautifully built world full of imagination. This is a fantastic read for anyone who wants to get truly immersed into a book.

Madi Campbell

'The Door That Led To Where' is a fascinating novel which brings the past to life, Sally Gardener manages to activate your imagination and create a world of mystery via the beautiful descriptions and imagery used throughout the book. The story told is one of magic and suspense where the main character is taken into a world of the unknown and forced to make a life-changing decision.

It is incredible how the past is re-lived in such a way that it is believable that you are there in London in the year of 1830. Sally Gardener is an extremely amazing writer when it comes to history, all of her books are must reads for everyone, extraordinary!

Destiny Maraj

'The Door That Led To Where' was a brilliant, funny eye-opening and dramatic novel. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I thought the plot was fascinating and clever and I loved all the mysteries. I really enjoyed reading this book and would recommend it to all my friends and family.

