

## Lovereadng Reader reviews of Hacked by Tracy Alexander

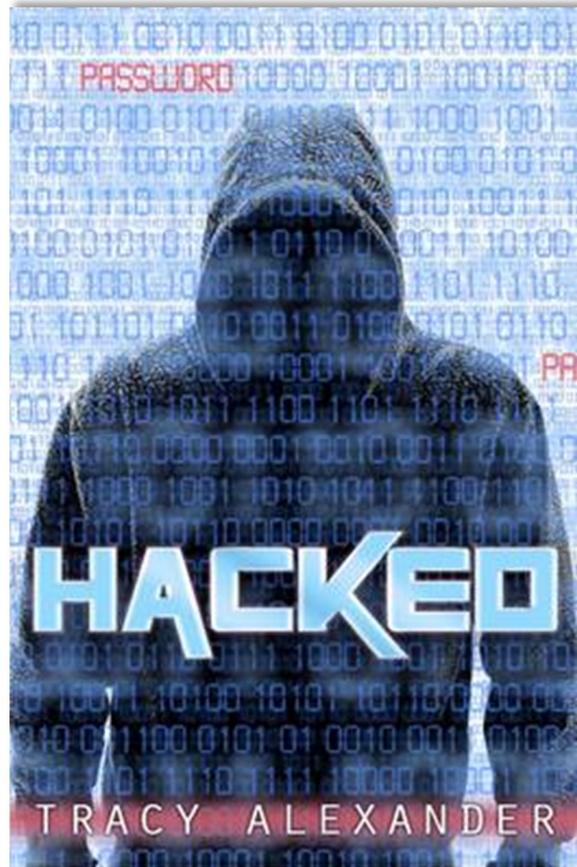
Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereadng members.

### John Chapman

*A story about a teenage computer hacker who gets involved in a terrorist plot by accident. **It's a realistic story because it shows what could happen to people who don't think and aren't careful on the internet. It shows how powerful the internet is to change people's lives.***

*Dan is taking his GCSEs and has got a new girlfriend and two great mates. His kid sister is a bit of a pain and his parents are a bit annoying but basically OK; they leave him to himself a lot. He spends a lot of his time writing code and hacking websites – he gets free credit on mobile phones for friends with one hack that he does. His friends and girlfriend tell him to stop hacking because it's not right, but he likes the buzz he gets when he's outsmarted the security on a site, so carries on. By small steps, he is taken in by another hacker called Angel who challenges him to take control of an army drone. Little does he know that Angel is out for revenge for a drone attack which killed her grandmother. Dan's life spirals out of control when an American drone heads for London and Angel threatens to hit a target there with its missiles.*

*How can Dan have been so stupid and naïve? He is interviewed by the police, the Americans want him extradited, his girlfriend dumps him for lying to her, his friends give him the cold shoulder and there are reporters at his front door. How can he get his life back under control?*



## **Emily Kinder**

***Full of twists and surprises, 'Hacked' is an intensely gripping book, with a highly relateable main character who is sucked into a world of serious hacking that he never meant to enter.***

*Full of twists and surprises, Hacked is an intensely gripping book, made more so by the fact that it is highly relateable. Dan is just like so many people I know and see everyday, and it's only a cruel twist of fate that pushes him that little bit further.*

*He was diagnosed with ADHD as a young child, and his parents were delighted when he started to channel it into computing. It was natural that his love of gaming made him want to find a few cheats; loop holes in the coding. From that it was only a matter of time before he discovered hacking for real, but we all know the difference between getting a little bit of free credit on a phone to impress a girlfriend and something more serious - say hacking...a drone, perhaps?*

*'Hacked' offers a unique insight into the world of cyber terrorism and hacking, and illustrates just how bad the consequences can be. The way it disperses information is very clever, the author weaves it in in such a way that you don't realise you are learning anything until you find yourself giving a friend a lecture on the natures of a bot net - your far too absorbed by the plot.*

*I enjoyed 'Hacked', even though it's not the sort of thing that I'd usually read. I was particularly impressed by the fact that the author managed to make it exciting despite the lack of real life action and the mundane settings. The plot envelops you, and you can just imagine the author chortling to herself as she writes.*

*"No!" She would laugh "I'm not finished with Dan yet! He'll never be safe!"*

## **Benjy Randall**

***A very exciting book which is highly recommended.***

*'Hacked' is a brilliant book. It is about when Dan makes friends with an unknown stranger called Angel online. In order to become part of Angel's club Dan has to complete a challenge. His task is to hack a drone and give the code to Angel. Little did Dan know this code could cause a major catastrophe. How can Dan prove himself non guilty when the evidence of being Angel's associate points towards him? Going through a series of trials things get more and more tense. Can Dan cope with the pressure? Find out by reading the book 'Hacked'.*

## **Amelia White**

***Amazing book and really funny! I enjoyed reading this book so much.***

*Dan in a teenager with ADHD, to help solve his problem, his parents buy him a computer. Dan learns to hack computers and websites, first starting with club penguin but then moving on to American Satellites and other problems....*

*I loved reading this book from the start I could link with Dan so much! His humour and thoughts are so much like a teenager you can link with him in so many different things. **I also think this book is good in the way that it teaches you about internet safety and that not everyone is who they say they are...***

*Over all I loved this book and would recommend it.*

## **Celeste Phelan**

***An intense, thrilling novel all about the dangers of the online world. A book for those who love the excitement of gaming.***

*Dan Langley has a love for hacking and gaming. He hacked credit on his friends phones and registered his sister money on Club Penguin. But when Dan meets Angel online they instantly become friends, which was one of the biggest mistakes he could ever make. When Ty, his close friend, is knocked off a bike Angel persuades him to hack a surveillance camera to find who hit him. Soon Dan whether he likes it or not is led into Angel's plan. Dan's world is turned upside-down when Angel threatens to launch missiles at London. But Dan has something else to worry about, his innocence.*

*The story was written in the third person which really helps readers get inside Dan's head.*

*Dan was a very easy character to relate to, a typical teenager with a completely ordinary life, but who often finds himself in trouble.*

*I thought the story itself was fantastic and at points very intense. I found the start a bit slow but it gathered pace and excitement towards the end.*

*I would recommend this book to all game lovers. A certain knowledge of gaming language would certainly help to fully understand this novel.*

*This book however, also indicates how dangerous the online world can be and how it is important to be savvy to stay safe on it. It made me think.*

*I would defiantly read another book by Tracy Alexander as I think she is a fabulous author.*

### **James Lawrence Griffith**

***This engrossing modern story would suit all computer lovers with an interest in hacking! I adored it and found Tracy Alexander's writing top class.***

*'Hacked' is a gripping, contemporary, fiction story set in the modern era. It features Dan, a boy with ADHD, his two best friends Ty and Joe, and the mysterious Angel who befriends Dan in the computer world. When Dan got into computers his parents considered a geek better than something feral but, little did they know what Dan was doing in his bedroom! His start to hacking was giving Pay As You Go mobile phone credit to his friends but he did not foresee what trail of disasters would follow! Soon Dan comes across some of Angel's friends and to become part of their group he has to do a challenge, to hack a drone... Shortly after he hacked into the drone and gave Angel the code, a report of a missing war drone (fully armed) was headlining the news. Then scarily DroneJacker says he has control of the drone and is planning to bomb London. Who is this DroneJacker? Angel? Angel's friends? And will DroneJacker succeed in the plan?*

*'Hacked' is one of the most amazing books I have ever read because the author uses a great descriptive language to make you feel like you yourself are in Dan's room! This is not my usual type of book but it was an opportunity I didn't want to miss out on and I am glad I didn't.*

### **Amber Morgan**

*'Hacked' is a fantastic book for any teenager, especially those into technology. The book consists of lots of unexpected twists and turns that boggle your mind and make you want to learn more.*

*There are many unique characters that get introduced throughout the book. The characters are very mysterious and leave you wanting to know every detail of the loves they are living.*

***Overall this is a creative and unique book with many aspects you can relate to. This is a book that will make you laugh, cry, think and shudder all at the same time.***

## **Cathy McLaughlin**

*This is an excellent book for boys and girls age 13+. Boys in particular will love it as it is very computer/technology based.*

*It is an interesting read as it is relevant within today's ever growing technology based society. This book could also be seen as a warning to today's youth who may be interested in computers and coding. It shows the dangers that irresponsible coding can carry.*

*'Hacked' is **a book that will continue to be relevant for many years to come as it contains many themes such as cyber-crime and cyber terrorism** which will only continue to grow in the coming years.*

*The story is very thought provoking as it raises the awareness that today's society laws are not up-to-date with both cyber crime and cyber terrorism, and it leaves us with the message that this should all be reviewed and updated with the ever growing incidents of these crimes.*

*Great storyline and well written.*