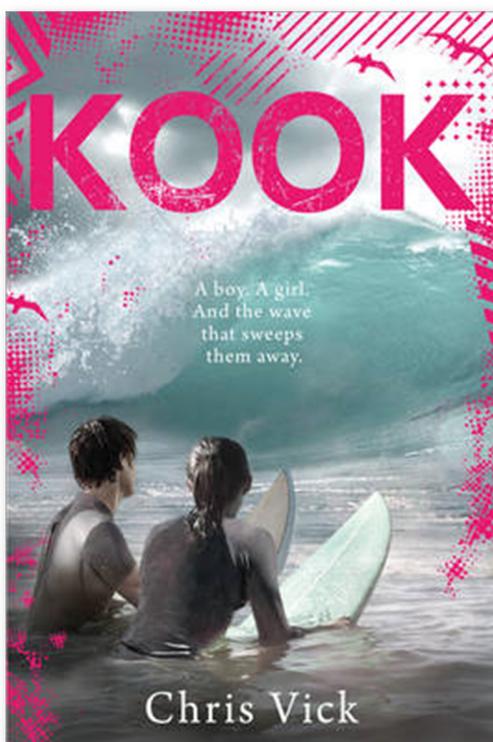


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## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Kook** By Chris Vick

Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.

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**Phoebe Allan**

***'Kook' is one of those books that draws you in from page one. I finished the book in two days as I simply couldn't put it down.***

*Vick writes with such power that you are immediately drawn in, you feel that you are living in Cornwall, breathing the salty air & riding the waves with Sam & Jade. The story takes you on a roller coaster of emotions. It's written with skill and a clear understanding of the pressures of being a teenager & all life has to throw at you. You can't help but tumble into the lives and emotions of the characters. **A stunning read, you'll be sad when you've finished the book!** A definite thumbs up! 👍*

**Lucy Warrillow**

**Library and Resource Manager, West Buckland School**

*I normally just get the pupils to send you reviews but as I loved 'Kook' so much (living in Devon and loving to surf) I thought I would send you one too!*

***I loved this book, and was sucked in immediately by the well-drawn characters and surfy storyline. Sam moves back to Cornwall with his mum and sister essentially to get to know his dying Grandma. He meets Jade and her surfing friends and is straightway smitten with Jade and surfing, as the story unfolds you find out more about their dysfunctional families and Jades plan to find and surf the Devils Horns, lots of other storylines along the way too as Sam***

or Kook as they call him proves himself in many ways to his new friends. The ending pulls no punches either which made a refreshing change. The descriptions of the surfing made me want to get my board and run to the beach!

### **Edel Waugh**

*Sam and his mum and sister leave the bright lights of London for his grandmother's home in Cornwall. Sam does not have high hopes for this new home until he meets the exciting and beautiful Jade who is a free spirit with a hint of danger about her. Jade is a surfer and along with her group of friends they enjoy riding the waves of this scenic area, each hoping for that big wave. Sam has little experience with this sport so his new group of friends are going to show him the ropes much to the fear of his mother who lost Sam's dad to the water here.*

*The story is about growing up, friendship and loss, and enjoying every little minute of life that you have because it is very precious. **I recommend this to anyone, but especially if you are interested in surfing as the description of the waves makes this a really fun filled adrenaline ride.***

<http://edelwaugh.blogspot.ie/2016/03/look-by-chris-vick-review.html?m=1>

### **Humaira Kauser**

*This book wasn't what I expected but that doesn't mean I didn't like it. In fact I loved it and I can't wait to hear what everyone else thinks of it!*

*Definitely **a great read that was stunning, breath-taking and just beautiful.***

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### **Aimee Sweet**

*'Jade got me in trouble from day one.'*

*Sam knows nothing other than living in London- his only memories of the coast were from a long time ago. Fifteen years old and barely in trouble ever, Sam hated even the idea of moving to the coast - but once there, things happen. Extraordinary things. Like for one, Jade. Once in love with her, he knew he could never turn back to the life he once had.*

*So. When picking up 'Kook', I was impressed with the cover, but the words, 'A boy. A girl. And the wave that sweeps them away' imprinted on the front put me off - just because it sounded so cliché. When I'm looking for a book, I'm looking for something different, something a bit unique, and though the blurb and quote at the front is gripping, it sounded similar to a lot of stories I have read.*

*However.*

***After reading the first chapter, I realised that it wasn't going to be a cliché teenage romance. I was hooked, and stayed up a bit later and woke up a bit earlier to read 'just one more page!' I really did like the relationship between Jade and Sam because there were complications which kept them apart - of course that frustrated me at times but in a good way!***

*On the surface, anyone can see that this book is essentially about love and loss, and how the two are closer linked than you think. If you delve a bit deeper, you can see that 'Kook' isn't just about surfing, but also about facing your fears. I especially love the message that ran through it, 'Fear makes the wolf look bigger'. You know you've found a good book when certain quotes stay with you, and 'Kook' did just that.*

*The age range for this book is 13+ and I agree - I don't think anyone younger than 13 should read it. Teenagers and young adults would appreciate it the most because I could relate to a lot of the situations that the main characters were in.*

*Just because it was difficult to get into, I'm giving 'Kook' 8/10. But Vick's writing really drew me in and after reading, I really wanted to start surfing! His descriptions of Sam and the rest on their boards was fantastic - it was like I was there surfing myself.*