

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Flyboy** by Tom Palmer



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

Oliver Lonsdale, age 8

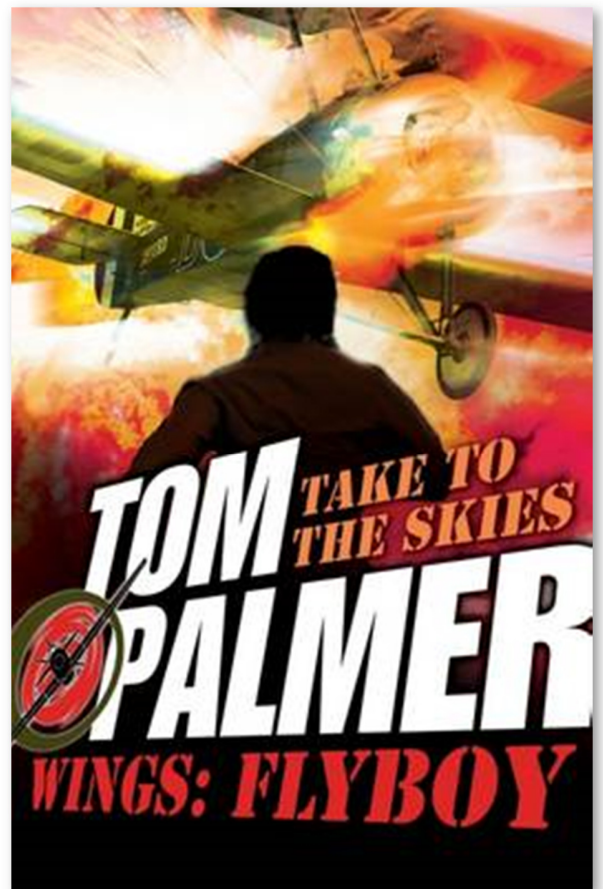
Great book with an exciting story line, a fabulous mix of modern day and days gone by.

This book is about a Sikh boy called Jatinder who loves football and his frustration about his lack of skills. While he is at a football camp he stays in an old house on an abandoned air strip and it's here he thinks he meets a ghost and finds himself heading into a scenario from World War 1 and learns a few lessons along the way.

I liked this book because it was about a Sikh both in the modern day and in days gone by and the obstacles they overcome to achieve their dreams. It was exciting and made me want to read more

I think the more sensitive reader might find the couple of chapters with the ghost in a bit disturbing but after that it gets better.

It was also good because it was based on three real stories about that war and it explains that at the back



Fennrin Hayden-Hoskins, age 7

'Flyboy' was a really brilliant book, it was imaginative and inspiring.

*When I began reading it I thought 'this is a bit boring' because I am not really interested in football. But when Jatinder became a World War One pilot I was amazed. I didn't expect the book to be so good! **I can't wait to read it again!***

Alexander Bisland, age 10

This book is about a boy called Jatinder, who likes football. At the beginning, he is on a camp and is playing a match. He gets a penalty but misses and is really angry with himself. On his way home he sees a man who is a Sikh like him and then he disappears. He tells Esther, one of the owners of the house he is in, about him and she shows him a book about the first Sikh pilot. That night, whilst reading the book, he sees the man in his room. Then.... he disappears! So Jatinder goes to sleep. The next night he has a dream or is it a reality? This is where his adventure begins.

I really enjoyed this book because it was exciting and taught me a lot about the First World War.

I recommend this book to 8+ history and football lovers. I give it 10/10

Kamran Mustafa, age 7

*'Flyboy' is like a cross between 'Harry Potter' and 'Alex Rider'. I liked the book because it was spooky. The main character is Jatinder and the story is about World War One. **It's a total page turner! I think it is an amazing book. It attaches you to it straight away on the first sentence.***

Freddie Barth von Wehrenalp, age 8

An educational, exciting, risk-taking story inspired by three true stories about the First World War. Good for girls and boys!

I enjoyed this story because there was lots of action and danger. Jatinder is a young boy a bit like me who loves football. He is away from home, at a summer holiday football camp with his friends Greg and Rachel, staying in an old RFC pilot-base called Trenchard House in the grounds that had served as an airbase in both the First and Second World Wars. The only grown-ups are Steve and Esther - they are very kind and funny.

The story involves time travel and so I learned about planes from WW1. The pilot in the story who took risks had had to apply many times to join the air force because of his skin colour - so when he was finally allowed to join, he didn't want to waste that time. He was very brave. This inspired Jatinder and

inspired me too - and other readers. It is quite a short story and very exciting so you don't want to put it down.

Harry Steel, age 8

I thought this book was totally awesome.

I loved the way Jatinder went back to the First World War as the famous pilot and risked his life to try and save others. It gave me an understanding of what dangers the pilots had to face. From taking a risk in a football game to taking a risk in a world war proves that you can take risks even if things go wrong.

I loved reading this book and couldn't put it down.

James Kearsey, age 10

This is a really intriguing and interesting book for any kid that likes planes and football. I like the way the book keeps you guessing whether he's dreaming or whether his adventure is real.

I really liked the way the story transported Jatinder from reading a book about Hardit Singh Malik to then re-living the experience of actually being him and being the first Indian fighter pilot to fly in the First World War. The book is a journey of discovery about the pilot's bravery and how this encourages Jatinder's own bravery.