



# HDHS Student Book Reviews:

## Still Water by Chris Priestley



**Book name:** Still Water      **Author:** Chris Priestley

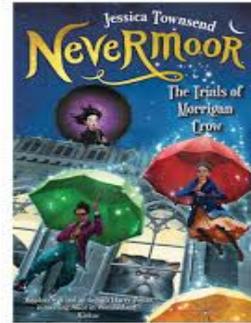
**Student Reviewer:** Caitlin Mulligan 7WSCO

I would give the book 'Still Water' three stars because it was an interesting storyline, however for me, it was quite simple to read and short. I enjoy more complicated books. I felt the book ended too soon and I wanted more.

Still Water is a gothic story about a young evacuee called Rosie in WW2 who was taken in by Mrs Taylor and her daughter, Marie. Rosie, constantly got blamed and framed by Marie (of hurting her) and it was obvious that Marie disliked Rosie. One day, Rosie and Marie were sent out to play with the village children when Rosie wandered off as Marie was continuously being cruel to her. Rosie went through the forest surrounding her and found a pond: the Witches Pond, which Mrs Taylor told her to stay away from. There she saw a girl her age, rise from the pond. This started a lot of adventures involving Rosie and Mrs Taylor. I really liked the plot of the story and thought it was interesting. I would recommend this book to Year 6-7's depending on their reading ability and interests. If you were an excellent year 5 reader it would be a great book for you while if you weren't a strong year 7 reader, this would also be a great book for you.



## Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend



**Book name:** Nevermoor      **Author:** Jessica Townsend

**Student Reviewer:** Millie Noakes 7HHPE

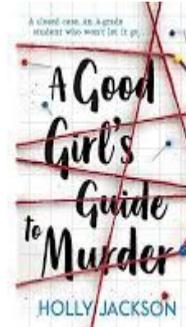
This book is a fantasy book and I would give it a 5 star rating because I love how mysterious it is and how it has a lot of humor. I also love how the cliff hangers made me read until I finished the book. The best part was how the main character starts as an ordinary girl and then her life changes forever.

It is a story about a girl named Morrigan Crow who has a curse and is destined to die young but she is suddenly whisked away from her home (and all she ever knew) to join a society. If she gets into society or not is the question.

**Age recommendation:** 10+ and people who like fantasy stories and people who love using their imagination.



## *A Good Girl's Guide To Murder*



**Book name:** A Good Girl's Guide To Murder

**Author:** Holly Jackson

**Student Reviewer:** Amelia Stone 7HHPE

This is a murder mystery book and I'd give it 5/5 because it's really interesting. It keeps you hooked and makes you want to just read more and more. It also makes you feel as if you are part of the adventure. I like stories that make me think about how I would act in different situations and that is what this book does.

It is a story about a girl who for becomes interested in a murder case of a young girl who was believed to have been killed by her boyfriend(who supposedly killed himself).However, when she unravels the truth, she starts to face danger and things take a turn putting lives at risk.

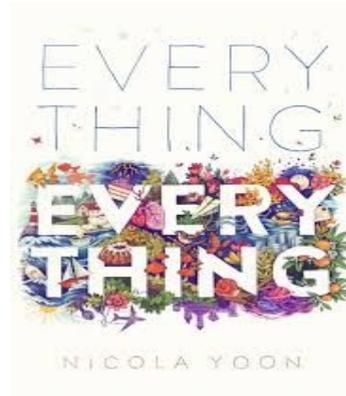
I don't have a favourite part of the book because every page is amazing.

YOU MUST READ IT!

I'd recommend it to older teenage readers(who enjoy murder mystery stories). There is some inappropriate language and the theme of the story is not suitable for younger readers.



## Everything Everything



**Book name:** Everything Everything

**Author:** Holly Jackson

**Student Reviewer:** Grace Morrison 8VKRU

This is a teenage romance novel that is definitely five Stars because when I was reading it I didn't want to stop reading the book. It made me want to read it all at once.

The novel is about a girl who only has her mum in her life and she is allergic to air and has to be homeschooled. The main character is a girl who feels alone. A family moves next door and the girl builds a friendship with the boy in the family.

The best thing about the story is that the protagonist challenges herself and faces up to her obstacles. It is an inspiring story. After reading the book, I felt that I had found the right book for me.

I would recommend this book for people who are 12 years old or older because there are some mature themes and ideas.