#### Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of The Person Controller by David Baddiel

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading4kids members.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 10

Best book ever! I couldn't put this down and highly recommend this to any reluctant readers as I don't think there is anyone who wouldn't enjoy reading this! SO funny. A real laugh out loud book.

This is the second book by David Baddiel that I have read. The first one was excellent, this one is even more excellent! Best book ever! Twins who enjoy playing video games receive a real life controller.....what is there not to like about that? There are lots of laughs along the way but also a wonderful moment when Fred thinks that the controller is controlling him, but it isn't. You really need to read this to find out why. I can't imagine anyone not liking this book. I just couldn't put it down. I can't wait for the next book from David Baddiel as I really like his storytelling.



#### Ellen Cox, age 8

## This book is funny and surprising. It made me laugh and it made me cry. It's a very, very good book.

My favourite part was when Ellie and Fred found out they could control people because it was funny when Fred jumps.

Ellie is my favourite character, she is funny and good at video games. Fred thinks he's good at nothing but doesn't know he's amazing at football.

I would definitely recommend buying this book because it made me laugh a lot.

#### Isaac East, age 9

#### This is a really good book about a set of twins and a games console which can control people. My favourite character is Fred as he makes me laugh out loud.

When Isla and Morris get their hands on a controller its bad news for Ellie and Fred.

I really enjoyed this book as it was full of excitement, humour and adventure. It was really tense because when they fought the bullies they could have died. I really liked the bit when they broke into school to ask advice from the mystery man.

There are lots of interesting characters in this book and quite a few of them learn an important lesson - especially the bullies.

This book has some pictures but mostly words. It has some dialogue but is written mostly from the writers view.

I would recommend this book to video game lovers and those who like adventure.

#### Jenna Welch, age 11

## I found 'The Person Controller' absolutely hilarious, rib-cracking in fact.

Also I loved all the characters especially Sam and Ellie the twins, their mum, dad and cat were extraordinarily funny. The writer David Baddiel really makes the reader feel that this could happen to anyone and that it really happened to Sam and Ellie. I think this book can be enjoyed by all, especially game enthusiasts also I think some parents might find this book funny. I think that the idea for this book is amazing in itself. I would highly recommend this enjoyable book to anyone.

#### Phoenix Williams, age 7

### This book is really funny and exciting, I didn't want to put it down. It made me laugh out loud.

Fred and Ellie, the twins, are given a magic opportunity to change the playground as we know it. The characters are normal kids who enjoy playing their computer games until their controller is broken! Oh no! A new controller with unknown magic abilities arrives at their door from a mystery man. This controller gives them the powers to change their world and the people in it for the greater good. Exciting, funny and an addictive read. \*\*\*\*\*

#### Edward Bailey, age 10

#### This is a gripping read! You just want to know what they do next! I'm not gonna forget this any time soon!

Fred and Ellie are amazing!! This cracking read is really easy to relate to and just makes you scream for more! I like the way David introduces the characters and their back stories. In every book there has to be a bad guy and in this Isla and Morris faucet fit their role perfectly! This book couldn't be better!!!!!!!

#### Sam Harper, age 11

## A magic person controller, revenge, hopes, dreams and chaos. A hilarious story with a very fitting 'be-careful-what-you-wish-for' theme. This is fantastic!

Ellie is addicted to video games. When her rather large father sits on her game controller and leaves it less than perfect, Ellie convinces herself that she needs a new one. She and her twin brother Fred find a replacement online but all is not as it seems. They find that the new controller doesn't work with their games console, it's magic and it controls people instead. Ellie and Fred put the controller to good use. They use it to get revenge on the horrible school bullies, make Fred finally good at football and transform Ellie into the belle of the ball for Rashid's party. But this isn't the only controller of its type and if another falls into the wrong hands it could lead to total chaos. The twins must use all their skills to prevent this destruction, even if it costs them their own controller.

'The Person Controller' is a hilarious and modern book with a very fitting 'becareful-what-you-wish-for' theme. I loved the scene where Fred has to save their cat, Margaret Scratcher, from the top of a Christmas tree. The final updates on all of the characters made a great ending and there were loads and loads of really funny moments which made me laugh out loud. I would totally recommend this to any fan of 'The Parent Agency'. Amazing!

#### Erica Motoc, age 9

'The Person Controller' is a very good book. It also makes me smack up with laughter. Press A, B and D to enter hilarious book mode to find out how funny it actually is!

It is a book full of adventure and it captured my attention so much that every time I read it at school I couldn't let it out of my sight. It was always getting to an interesting bit and I couldn't wait to get home and read more of it. Ellie and her twin brother Fred struggle at school to defeat the Evil school bullies: Isla and Boris who are nothing like Ellie and Fred.

I would strongly recommend it to other children and even teenagers or grownups. It would also make a good story for teachers to read in class as it gives a strong message.

#### Cora Willans, age 9

#### This is a mystery and adventure story.

My favourite character is the mystery man because he is really funny and doesn't like people asking him questions. This is an adventure story. I would give this book 10/10. I would recommend this book to children 7-11.

#### Oliver Cooper, age 11

#### Brilliant and funny one of the best books I have read!

I wanted to read this after enjoying 'The Parent Agency'. I would say 'The Person Controller' is just as good or maybe even better. It is very funny and well written. My favourite part is when the two bullies turn up with their own controller and turn Morris into a Samurai Warrior. Would recommend to age 9-11 year old.

#### Emily Walklett, age 11

A brilliant, funny book, suitable for girls, boys, video gamers and

#### footballers, and for those who like stories a bit different! I loved it!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! It is suitable for both girls and boys aged 9+. The story is based upon two techno twins, Ellie and Fred, who receive an extraordinary controller which enables quite amazing things to happen to them in their everyday lives! I particularly liked the way the story is rather different to any other books I have read and its reference to 'Minecraft', one of my favourite computer games! There were some great laugh out loud moments in the book, for example the mum's obsession to a particular TV show! It is very original and many people will love it too. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes playing video games, football or who just likes reading something a bit different. David Walliams book lovers should also give this a read! The main message of the story is if you believe in yourself, you will go a long way. This was perhaps the part I liked best of all!

#### **Romilly Dally-Fitzsimons, age 8**

#### This book is brilliant...even my mum loved it!

This is a fantastic book. It's a brilliant story about two twins, Fred and Ellie, who love playing computer games. Then suddenly a new games controller arrives and it can control people. You only have to imagine yourself in the game and you become that person. How cool is that. In the story there are other twins, Isla and Morris, who are the Headmasters children and are evil. This book was excellent, I would recommend it to anyone who likes funny book.

#### Alex Faulkner, age 11

## David Baddiel's second book is an exciting book that will appeal to anyone who plays video games.

'The Person Controller' is a book about two nerds who find a mystery man on the internet. He gives them access to a magical video game controller, when linked with someone, can control what they do.

I like this book because you never know what will happen next. This makes the book exciting. It is also a modern day book which children can easily understand. Being a gamer, I understood most of the references in the book. I understood what the characters were going through.

This book was **one of the best I've ever read.** I would recommend this book for ages 7-13 or someone who likes video games.

Daniel Bisland, age 8 and Alexander Bisland (who also drew the great poster below), age 10

# THE ALEXANDER TIMES

WHO COULD KNOW A REPLACEMENT CONTROLLER COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

## Daniel Mail

#### IT'S VIDEOGAME-TASTIC!

This book is about a set of fraternal twins called Fred and Ellie who love videogames. One day, Eric, their fat dad sat on Ellie's controller and it got stuck in his bum. The next day, the twins go to the school computer room with one laptop in it, to search the Internet for a new controller and this is where the story BEGINS!!!

They find a website with a new controller. A mysterious man pops up on the screen and asks them if they want the controller. So they say "YES!" When they get home there is a parcel for them and they take it to the playroom and open it and there is their new controller with 6 glittery buttons and blue pulsing lights. They don't really know how it works! Fred puts on the bracelet while Ellie fiddles with the controller and tries to get onto Super Mario Bros and Fred



jumps across the room. This is how they realize that it controls people not TVs.

Now they have the controller will they:

- win the Interschool Winter Trophy football match?
- defeat Isla and Morris Fawcett (the school bullies)?
- impress the Chelsea scout?

We recommend this book to 8+ children who love reading.

We give it the highest rating you can get!

Now we want to read 'The Parent Agency'.

#### Mila Humphryes, age 8

This story is about twins, Fred and Ellie who have got a glamorous game controller that can make people do lots of different things like change their style and make them act like characters in computer games.

*I found this story amazing, weird and mysterious,* especially as they don't know who the man is who sent them the controller at the beginning of the story.

My favourite character is Ellie because she is the best at computer games, she's the eldest and the cleverest. I think their dad is very funny eating bacon sandwiches all the time.

I like the part where the twins become 'Streetfighters' and defeat the school bullies.

I would definitely recommend this to boys and girls who love video games, bacon sandwiches and funniness.