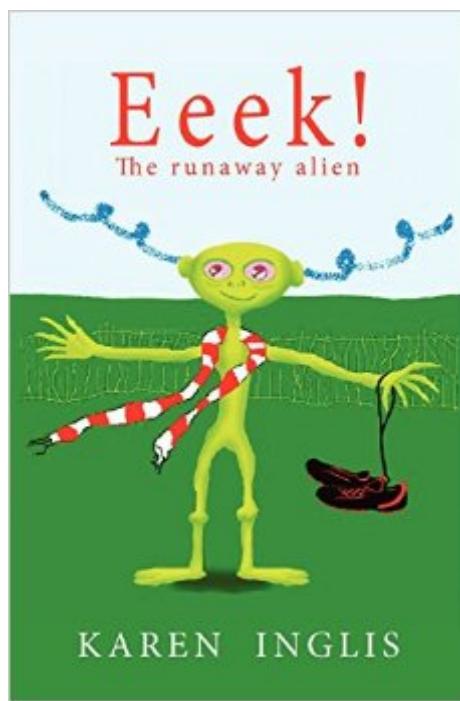


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# Eeek!: The Runaway Alien



## Synopsis

Eleven-year-old Charlie Spruit can't believe his luck when he opens his door to an alien one morning. Who is he? Why has he come? Charlie soon discovers that this alien has run away from space to Earth to be with him because he's soccer mad and the World Cup is on! Eek, as Charlie decides to call him, takes up secret residence in Charlie's bedroom where he sleeps on the ceiling by night and pores over Charlie's football magazines and stickers by day. All is going surprisingly well until slimy sci-fi mad Sid Spiker, who lives out the back, spots Eek through his telescope. Sid has his own plans for this alien, which bring surprises that no-one could have imagined! Funny and fast-paced Eek! has been singled out as great book for boys (and for girls who love soccer!) - and as a great book for reluctant readers age 7-10 years.

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## Customer Reviews

It is not necessarily my style of children book, but it is well written and with a lot of action that keeps the tension high and the reader curious for the next development. The illustrations are well done and adequate for the artistic sensibilities of a 7-8 year old. The runaway alien, which at the end of the story reveals to be a 'she', left the family to discover the human world, fascinated by the English soccer. 'Eek', named by the children he visited because of the sound uttered when asked what's his/her name, doesn't speak, but his adventures and feelings are described in simple sentences, using a lot of suggestive action verbs. Despite the verbal communication problem, there is not that difficult to establish a kind of dialogue and even to go on disguise at various social events and soccer games. The story is written from a page to another, keeping the reader wired to find out what

will happen. A good weekend or holiday reading for the little ones.

My son is 6 and just getting into longer stories. We started this book and I was taken by it, at first... But then it kind of got boring. We have yet to finish it because me and my son became disenchanted. Could have been pretty good.

I purchased this book for my niece and nephew, and they've been eagerly devouring it. Lots of kid-friendly action and lighthearted illustrations keep them flipping the pages, and the book shows all the signs of becoming one of the favorites they'll request again and again for story time.

This book was recommended to me as ideal for engaging reluctant readers. As I work for a charity that encourages children to read for pleasure, I was interested to test it out. I may not be the target audience (the grown-up mother of a girl, and neither of us like football) but this book charmed me from the first page. It is written from the point of view of a sporty boy in the early stages of secondary school who finds a football-mad alien in his bedroom. As the boy tries to pass off the smoke-blowing green alien as his visiting actor cousin in fancy dress, his wry observations about both the alien and members of his family made me laugh aloud. It's the type of story that would have bedtime readers pleading for ten minutes more or reading beneath their blankets with a torch, until they reach what is its very satisfying conclusion. With short chapters, ending on cliffhangers, and interspersed with just enough amusing illustrations to sugar the pill of chapter books for easily daunted readers, this is just the (football) ticket to get boys reading. I'm sure girls would enjoy it too. This one certainly did!

Great stuff!

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