



[Home](#) > Staying With Grandpa

---

# Staying With Grandpa

Books Reviewed:

[Staying With Grandpa](#) [1]

Issue:

[104](#) [2]

Reviewer:

[Roy Blatchford](#) [3]

~~Editor's Choice:~~

off

Media type:

Book

BfK Rating:

4

In the hands of less secure storytellers some of Puffin's books for 'developing readers' ('short chapters, simple words and sentences') come across as lack-lustre and formulaic. While the theme of holidaying with grandparents is pretty familiar, Lively's confident narrative is laced with enough unusual incident to hold the junior reader. Her ear for dialogue between Jane and Grandpa and between Jane and her mother on the telephone is assured and gives the book its best moments. Howard's drawings of Grandpa's leaning cake are a highlight. This is the kind of short, finely illustrated fiction that really *can* move on the young reader.

Running Order:

55

---

**Source URL (retrieved on Oct '20):** <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/104/childrens-books/reviews/staying-with-grandpa>

**Links:**

[1] <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/childrens-books/staying-with-grandpa>

[2] <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/104>

[3] <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/member/roy-blatchford>