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The fox cub Bold has left White Deer Park to make his own life. But when he is wounded by a hunter's bullet, will he be able to survive, alone and unable to find food? The author also wrote In the Grip of Winter, The Siege of White Deer Park, The Adventures of Mole, The Adventures of Toad.

## **The Fox Cub Bold Details**

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### **Jebin says**

Loved it.

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### **Lucy says**

I loved this book even though it is so incredibly sad, I cried buckets reading this as a child. Beautiful xx

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### **Sally says**

Oh god, this one made me CRY. Poor, stupid Bold, think he's invincible... makes for a very bleak childrens' book when we all find out that he isn't.

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### **A.R. Collins says**

I quite enjoyed this story, despite the adverb abuse and at times finding the pace a little slow - but perhaps that's just because I can't help comparing it to the TV series, which I used to watch an awful lot as a child. Dann makes a better job than previously at character building; characterisation is both interesting and consistent, both areas where the author has fallen down before as far as I'm concerned! Rollo, Robber the crow and even the rather unlikable Whisper make a good supporting cast for Bold, who has more dimensions to his character than anyone in his family has shown thus far.

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### **John Kirk says**

Arguably this is a spin-off more than a sequel, but I'm ok with that: basically, it's a new story set in the same world as the rest of the series. It's similar to the Tarzan novels, since the 4th book in the series deals with the previous protagonist's son going off on his own.

The title is a slight misnomer, since Bold is almost fully grown even at the start of the book. However, it sounds quite poetic (with "Bold" doubling up as a noun and adjective) so I'm not going to complain.

I think that Bold is the most nuanced character I've seen in the series so far, and he certainly has flaws. He means well, and he'll willingly put himself in danger to help others, but he can also be arrogant and reluctant to share his food. Since there's a relatively small cast in this story, that means that each animal is quite distinctive.

There are some sad bits in this story; for instance, I felt quite sorry for Rollo. As for the ending, I had a lump in my throat even though I've read the book before and I knew what was coming. I wouldn't call it bleak

(unlike Adventure Begins) but it is very moving.

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### **Katy says**

cool but sad

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### **Lisa says**

The fox's side of fox hunting... so very sad... I cried loads! Mom read it with us when we were kids, I'm not sure we even made it to the end it was so sad...

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### **Chris says**

As with the previous Farthing Wood novel, 'The Fox Cub Bold' goes to set itself apart. Whereas the cast previously expanded, here the focus narrows considerably to the exploits of Bold as he leaves his family and strikes out on his own. While he remains a difficult character to like at times, he's easily admired and his adventures are just as compelling as the rest of the series. New faces do make an appearance - Shadow, a badger he saves, Robber, the crow who discovers his lineage, Whisper, the fox who becomes his mate, and my favourite, the slow but sweet Rollo the mastiff. (view spoiler)

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### **Jake Collins says**

I've always found Bold's story horribly and unnecessarily bleak, and I now find that I much prefer the way it is presented in the TV series, which includes interesting and poignant comparison and contrast with what's going on back in White Deer Park.

Thinking about the main supporting characters, Whisper comes across as even more of a scheming bitch than she does on the TV show, while Rollo is even more underused than I thought possible. Robber and Shadow are both fairly well done.

Everything now feels finished - this should definitely be the end of the Farthing Wood series.

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### **Ian says**

Given to me as a gift as a young boy, I enjoyed it so much I went on to read most of the other books in the series, albeit out of order.

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**Imre Oks says**

A greater, albeit sadder book one cannot read. It is a story embedded in my memory, by one name - Bold. I will cherish that memory for as long as I live.

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**Sarah Adamson says**

Sobbed my heart out - the tale of Bold, the adventurer who returns to the real world, away from the protection of the gamekeeper.

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**Kirsti says**

I cried at the end, just as I always did when watching the series and reading this book when I was younger. I love the Farthing wood stories, and this one is one of my favorites. Bold is a great character, trying to get away from his father's influence and name and failing. A definite five star book, so happy to find a reasonably cheap copy of this for my Kindle since the paperback is incredibly hard to find!

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