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Lockie's life is a disaster area. His new best friend is probably the oddest human being on planet Earth and, to round things off, he's fallen for a kid still in primary school who even surfs better than him. Can things get worse? This book is the sequel to "Lockie Leonard, Human Torpedo".

Scumbuster Details

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Kelv says

Not as good as Human Torpedo, bit of let down with regards to closure, all in all a good teenage read

Eric says

You want great Australian Young Adult books then look no further than this series!!

I did not read them at school and now I wish I had. Listening to them as a 40 year man has been thoroughly enjoyable and makes me think back and relate to my own early teen years.

I will be spruiking these mercilessly to anyone I find who has not read them in my Library. Young, old or in between.

Nova says

great book by great author; more for the 10 to 14 year olds

B says

A surfer boy and a heavy metal kid fight local polluters in Australia. Great slang language and humorous.

Tracy Smyth says

Not my type of book. It was funny in places and a bit serious in others. In all it was an easy read

Kenya says

Pretty good needs more action

Lauren says

It was either 06 or 07 that I read this. It's been a long time. I like the environmental theme, yoo. ;)

Joey says

How do I read this book? I'm new so I'm not too sure how to use this

Mary says

I really liked the idea of this book, and I was sad that it wasn't better written, but the characters were flat and I didn't find them compelling at all, and the plot felt VERY contrived.

Lynda says

Thirteen-year-old Lockie has been dumped by his girlfriend, Vicki. He meets a new friend called Egg (Geoff Eggleston) who seems to be the total opposite of Lockie – surfer and bogan. Despite their differences, the two boys forge a friendship and come together to fight for a common cause - a local environmental disaster.

An important message that shines through the friendship of Lockie and Egg is that looks are only skin-deep and one should not judge a person on their appearance but rather spend the time to get to know the real person.

I love the Aussie humour and sense of place in this novel. A great teen read.

Kirsten says

Tim Winton has made a better impression on me than with his Cloudstreet. The book describes the life of the 13-year-old Lockie Leonard. He falls in and out of love and fights for the environment. The use of descriptive language makes it easy for the audience to connect to the characters.

I will probably use it in my year 7 or year 8 class to study characterisation or environmental issues.

Shane says

Not bad. A bit simple, but some pretty cool characters help carry the story.

★ Jess says

Read for year eight english, semester two

This was a decent, quick and fun book. I enjoyed it, though probably wont read again.

Chris says

I really enjoyed the characterization on Egg. I thought the way that Lockie's parents handled his depression and teenaged sulking were funny. There's a lot of funny with this book. I also enjoyed that it didn't wrap up in a perfectly happy ending.

I read the book first. Now I know there was a book earlier in this series, and I may pick it up if I run across it. Scumbuster was a good quick, light read but it didn't have an amazing bit of depth or awesomeness to it.

Perhaps the series as a whole is better.

Diane says

Lockie is a surfer dude; Egg is a *dead head*. Together they make an unlikely pair of environmentalists. And when their polluted harbor starts to wreak, they start a campaign against the factories that are responsible. Lockie even gets Dot, the pretty surfer who is just visiting, involved. But things aren't all peaches and cream - when Egg's father gets fired, their friendship takes on new meaning.
