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Magic Tree House #51: High Time for Heroes features Jack and Annie back in Egypt, still seeking the secrets of greatness for Merlin. This time they will meet the great nurse, Florence Nightingale, on her trip to Egypt that served as the inspiration for the choices that made her both famous and beloved.

The Magic Tree House books, with their fiction and nonfiction titles, are perfect for parents and teachers just starting to get into the "Core Curriculum." With a blend of magic, adventure, history, science, danger, and cuteness, the topics range from kid pleasers (pirates, the Titanic, pandas) to curriculum perfect (rain forest, American Revolution, Abraham Lincoln) to seasonal shoe-ins (Halloween, Christmas, Thanksgiving). There is truly something for everyone here.

## High Time for Heroes Details

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# **From Reader Review High Time for Heroes for online ebook**

## **Laura McLoughlin says**

Aside from the fact that we are skipping around I enjoy these later ones more than the early books since they get to meet actual historical figures. In this case Florence Nightingale makes an appearance.

I almost knocked it down a star because the baby baboon is creepy looking.

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## **Azin Sametipour says**

We (kids and I) are a big fan of Magic Tree House books of course. I had high hopes with this book since Florence Nightingale was one of my childhood favorite heroines. I would have liked to see more of her in the book.

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## **Connie Gunderson says**

YAWN. One of the weaker entries. Florence Nightingale was purportedly the focus of this story but she makes very little appearance. Lots of ridiculous sturm and drang as Jack and Annie encounter various authentic but uncontextualized characters, resulting in a mish-mash. On to the next.

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## **Lisa says**

I've never given a Magic Tree House book less than four stars, but this one just doesn't pack the usual punch. My daughter described this one as "a snooze-fest", and my son here tends to agree and so do I. I gave it two stars, but my son here is looking over my shoulder and said it deserves one more star, so we've all come to a three star agreement. The characters aren't very memorable. All the dialogue gets pretty boring between these characters. It was a push to finish this one: that neeeeeever happens. What I figure is you can't knock every single book out of the park and this was bound to happen. We're not sore, we just want more!

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## **Maximilian Lee says**

I liked this book because I like monkey. I also liked this book because I like rock climbing.

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## **Toph says**

Another book I read with my sister! This brings me back to my elementary school days when I used to read mega-series like this one, Junie B. Jones, American Girl, etc. Back then I was entranced with Jack and

Annie's adventures through time, and I learned quite a bit about history (which is the whole point, I suppose). Now I realize that character development and writing quality in these books are subpar, but my sister still enjoyed it, so I guess I did too.

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### **Anna Jones says**

This book is literally my entire childhood. The magic tree house series is what got me into reading. This book has been sitting on my shelf for three years, ever since i met the author and she handed me it with a smile on her face. It's probably the last and final magic treehouse book i ever read, and boy was it a good one

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### **Jen Hester says**

Summary:

Jack and Annie must meet with Florence Nightingale to discover the third secret of greatness. The magic tree house sends the two back in time to Thebes, Egypt where they find Florence traveling without any aspiration of becoming the great nurse that Jack and Annie know her to be. When Jack and Annie are injured while on their journey, Florence comes to their rescue and realizes that it is important for one's life to have purpose, which Jack and Annie discover to be the third secret of greatness.

Activity:

What was the turning point in the story?

What is the relationship between Florence and Jack/Annie?

What was the 3rd secret of greatness?

Where were Jack and Annie sent on their mission?

What would you do if you were in Florence's shoes?

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### **Karin says**

This book sent Jack and Annie to Florence Nightingale's lifetime. They met her before she decided to become a nurse. Annie, who has read about Nightingale's work is disappointed that Florence isn't a nurse. She basically tells her she will be a good nurse, almost blowing their cover.

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### **Samuel says**

It was a cool story in egypt.It was cool.I Gave it 5 stars.

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## **Sarah says**

Jack and Annie encounter Florence Nightingale, before she is famous, in Egypt ca. 1850. Good for reread when studying Egypt.

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## **Andrew says**

Felt like the author was losing her creative touch and just threw together a plot just to keep the series going....

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## **Rachel Harriman says**

Jack and Annie are asked to find the third secret of greatness from Florence Nightingale in Egypt. They get to Egypt using the Magic treehouse and find Florence Nightingale but she is nothing like they think she is going to be. Annie did a report on her and she was a great nurse, but when they meet her she is not a nurse at all. At first she wants nothing to do with Jack and Annie, so they have to figure out a way to get to know her so she can tell them the secret of greatness. One of Florence's friends, Countess von Kensky has a monkey named Koku and she asked Annie if she would watch Koku for a day. During this time they try to follow Florence though Egypt so they could run into her, but Koku runs away from a predator so Jack and Annie have to climb a cliff to get her. They use magic powder to become good climbers, but on their way back down the time runs out and they fall from the cliff and get injured. They try to start back to where they are staying and they run into Florence who takes them back and cares for them. Annie tells her how good of a nurse she will be and in the end she tells them the third secret of greatness which is meaning and purpose. Then they travel back home and no time has passed and they are no longer injured.

- 1)After meeting Florence for the first time did you think it is the same person that Annie did her report on? why or why not?
- 2)How would you describe Mustafa? why?
- 3)After meeting Jack and Annie what do you think Florence will go on and do with her life?
- 4)How did Jack's opinion of Florence change?
- 5)When you hear the words meaning and purpose what do you think of?

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## **Nancy Montenegro says**

All about Florence Nightingale!!!!

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**Daphne Kim says**

We continue to enjoy this series.

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