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Carrie says

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Donna says

#16 on my list of "100 BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU DIE" was "THE SECRET GARDEN" by FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT. I read this book while listening to the audible version narrated by JOHANNA WARD. I also read the abridged version of an old copy that I picked up from an auction recently.

When Mary's parents die in India, she is sent to live in England with her mysterious and mostly absent uncle, Mr. Craven. As she learns to entertain herself and play outdoors, Mary gains strength and discovers a hidden cousin, Colin, and a secret garden. Cultivating the garden and friendships leads to healing for Mary, Colin, and nature. I had never read this, so I really enjoyed it. I will also be watching the movie as well. ???

Mia Carelli says

I re-read this book recently, it's a wonderful, heartfelt story, early work on the power of positive thinking as two young cousins overcome childhood tragedies. I didn't see the library edition I read, but it was unabridged. I unfortunately found the original full-length to be rather overwritten, I'd recommend an abridged version, I must've read that one before and you won't miss anything. Some scenes just go on and on.

Mary says

I read this book to my girls 6/7 yr. old(Illustrated version). We read about a chapter a night and then I got them the movie. It was fun to watch them compare the book to the movie. I've always loved this story.

Asiya Ahmed says

it's a GREAT book!

Becki Foutz says

My mom made me, er, strongly suggested I read, this book when I was a kid. I remember it seemed long at the time, I have no idea how old I was but I think it was before I started school (I started reading when I was three, no joke). I guess it was something she thought would keep me busy. I remember thinking the

protagonist was spoiled - it'll be interesting to read as an adult this month for our book club.

Preston says

Worst piece of literary fiction I read when I was younger. It's the first and only book I've legitimately fell asleep to while reading. This is an impressive accomplishment of its own due to the fact I'm not that avid of a reader. Reading was never and still is not a large part of my life. However, when I'm forced to read a book for a school, are recommended to read a book by friend, or any other sort of influence...I still put in a decent amount of time and focus to get through it. There are books I adore and there are books I wish I had passed over. However, *Secret Garden* stands alone at the bottom of the heap. Deep in a dark abyss of cynicism and loathing. To those who may ask...no, I've never finished the book. Will I ever finish the book? The answer is a defiant, no. I don't care what else happened in those hundred or so other pages. I don't care what adventure this girl finds in her mystical flora. I don't care at all. *Secret Garden* is an overrated piece of garbage that has "stood the test of time" due to no one willing to call it out on how mediocre it is.

Paul Lunger says

Frances Hodgson Burnett's "The Secret Garden" is the story of a little girl who stumbles into a garden by accident with magical powers & things that can cure just about anything. The adaptation by Malvina Vogel in the illustrated classics series does the story great care as we don't lose the magic & wonder of Burnett's original story. Each step of the way in this story is a journey worth taking & it's a reason why this book will be beloved for years to come.

Deanna says

I won a book basket in a raffle and it had this book in it. Overall it was a good book. Of course this version is adapted for kids....so I'm sure I would have enjoyed it much more as a child since I am currently 20. I didn't find it particularly interesting...but I may pick up the full version one day.

Liz (lizreads) says

I loved this so much. It really took me by surprise.

Nicole says

I adore this book.

It's on my "enchanting" bookshelf, which means that it certainly does mean a lot to me.

I remember that as a little girl I always wanted to read it. I would see it at the bookstore, and ask my father

for it, and he would say, "No, sugar-pickle, you only want it for the key-necklace that it comes with-you won't read it," while I had full intentions to read it!

Eventually, years later, I remember seeing it at a smaller book store or maybe a department store, and it was the "Great Illustrated Classics" edition, which came with no necklace. This time my father did give it to me!

I don't remember much about the first time I read it, but I do remember how much it meant to me when I read it this last year.

I remember, going into it, that I thought it was about magic and fairies, but it was not. It was so much better!

It's a very touching book, one that makes you want to live life rather than waste it away indoors, which is what one character had been doing!

As my copy is large print, it does strain my eyes to read it, but I love it so much I will always read it on a rainy day or a day when I need a bit of enchantment in it, as it is a very quick read.

Another thing I love about it is the main character, Mary Lennox, starts out as a very spoiled brat, but grows throughout the story. Those are always my favorite characters.

The writing is very wonderful, and as they say more about the book than I ever could, I'll include some of my favorite quotes here.

"I don't have any friends at all," admitted Mary. "I never had anyone who liked me."

"Then you and I are very much alike," said Ben, sighing. "We both frown most of the time and probably have nasty tempers too."

That scene just always touches me-I find it so sweet, in the writing and the phrasing, how the little girl bonds.

"Don't want it!" exclaimed Martha in horror. "You can't let good food go to waste! Why, if my brothers and sisters were here, they'd have these plates empty in minutes."

"Why?"

"Why? Because in all their lives, they've never known what it was to have their stomachs filled with food, that's why!"

"I've never known what it's like to be hungry," said Mary coldly and indifferently.

This part has a very large truth to it-even now. So often I hear people complaining about there being nothing to eat when they have a buffet of seemingly endless food in front of them. They have no idea what they have, mainly because they have never been truly hungry before in their life.

I love this book so much-I really think every girl should read it.

Leyraliz says

This book is amazing if you love wonderful things to happen

Surya Pandian says

I remember loving this book during my school days.

Phoenix Lapoint says

This book was amazing. After I finished it once I decided to reread it a few more times.

Brynn Hastings says

The Secret Garden is a classic novel. It may be tough for inexperienced readers because of the word choice but it will help those readers to broaden their vocabulary. It is a deep, entertaining, beautiful novel.
