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In silence with secrets, a house sits nestled in the woods. Two children find it and climb through a broken window and wander and wonder about what this house was and who lived inside. Where have the people gone who used to call this place their home? How long will the house wait for them to come home? They climb back out the window and return to their own cozy home, while back in the forest the little home sits in the weather and waits.

The words and pictures are so beautiful and so lovely. They evoke perfectly the feeling of wondering who has been here and where they have gone. The book has a very wistful and gentle imaginative feeling and the pictures make for some wondering of the reader’s own. Who hasn’t looked at old buildings and houses and wondered what they might have been like in their prime. When people came and went and they were full of life? This is a new classic.

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