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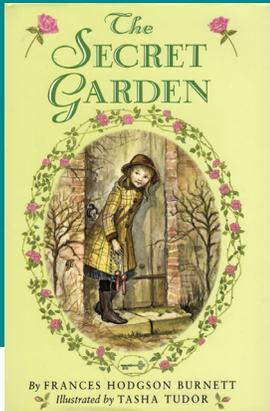
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Book Review

The Secret Garden

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate

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358

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Recently orphaned Mary Lennox has been sent to live with her uncle at Misselthwaite Manor. This new home on the Yorkshire moors is much different than India, where she was born and raised. Misselthwaite Manor is full of secrets. A mysterious crying sound can be heard in the night, and one of the many gardens has been locked up for over ten years. One day Mary stumbles upon the hidden key to this secret garden, and devotes all her time and efforts into bringing it back to life. With the help of the local boy and animal charmer Dickon, the children renew and revitalize this patch of ground. Unbeknownst to them, their efforts to improve the garden also improve their own lives, as well as the lives of everyone living at Misselthwaite Manor.

Burnett's classic masterpiece, originally published in 1912, has entertained and inspired readers for decades. Audiences of all ages can now enjoy a favorite story with a new jacket art design and full-color illustrations by Tasha Tudor placed throughout. This story teaches important lessons to readers, emphasizing the control children can have over their own happiness. Readers should be aware that, because this book was written over a century ago, some of the characters make brief, racist comments. These portions do not detract from the other positive messages in the book, and can provide parents with an opportunity for dialogue with their children about more serious topics.