

Book Report by Mallika

Book title: Tom's Midnight Garden

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Tom's Midnight Garden is a story about a boy named Tom who goes to stay at his aunt and uncle's flat in the summer because his brother, Peter, has the measles and his mom and dad do not want him to get the measles too. The story takes place in England after World War II. Tom is not pleased to be staying with his uncle and aunt because he would rather be playing with his brother in their backyard. For a few nights, Tom could not sleep and he heard the grandfather clock strike thirteen. He went downstairs to see the clock and he saw a housekeeper but she did not see him. One night Tom left the flat and went to the back of the house and found a magic garden. He discovered Abel, Hatty, her cousins and her unkind aunt and learned that they were from the late Victorian period. Tom and Hatty play games and tell tales every night. Tom notices that time passes differently in his two worlds. He is able to see Hatty as a young child and a grown young woman. I thought it was very interesting that when Mrs. Bartholomew had a dream about her childhood in the garden, Tom was able to enter her world. In the end, Tom finds out that Mrs. Bartholomew was really Hatty and not just the landlady.

I rank this book 10 yew trees out of 10 because it was really interesting how Tom could go back in time and that only some people could actually see him. I liked how he could enter Hatty's world from when she was really little and be with her as she changed. The Victorian time was kind of interesting and I would like to know more about it. I loved all of the adventures that Hatty and Tom went on and wished I could be there. I liked when they went skating and saw Peter for a few seconds in the tower. It was magical.

