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### Kitty Lin says

In the secret garden, where the rose were at their best, and the butterflies were flying from flower to flower in the summer sunshine, children talking and laughing, but now only the robin can fly over the high walls of the secret garden... which has been locked for ten years, and no one had the key.

This book is about a girl called Mary Lennox; she was born in India, where her father was a British official. He was busy with his work, and her mother, who was very beautiful, spent all her time going to parties. Mary never thought of other people, but only of herself. In fact, she was a very selfish, disagreeable, bad-tempered little girl. She left India because of the terrible disease that killed many people in the town and people have all forgotten her. She went to England to live with her uncle, Mr. Archibald Craven and there is the secret garden.

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### meoquaoquao says

A beautiful retold story. Very easy to understand.

I want to read some books written in English and I had found the full ebook of The Secret Garden yesterday (on Goodreads). However, it was quite long and I was tired of sitting hours in front of the computer to read. So sadly I gave up after 4 chapters and started looking for this retold story. It was very useful for me. I finished it in 1 hour and it really brought me a pleasant time. Hope I could get a copy of this book and enjoy the original story soon :>

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### Ayumi Ogawa says

1. Publisher: Oxford

Level: 3

2. 10/24 = 40 minutes; 10/25 = 30 minutes; 10/27 = 10 minutes; 10/28 = 10 minutes.

3. Girl

Disagreeable

Key

Garden

Boy

Desease

Happy

4.a. 'In India we don't have conversations with servants. We give orders, and they obey, and that's that.'

Martha did not seem to mind Mary's crossness. 'I knoe I talk too much!' she laughed.

b. I liked this dialogue because it was funny for me. Mary moved to Yorkshire from India and she behaved selfishly. However, the new servant didn't mind at all. I thought she was a kind of insensitive person, but it was hard too hate her although she made Mary cry. There was another smart answer of the servant. Mary

said ' My servant always used to dress me.' The servant replied 'Well! I think you should Learn to dress yourself. My mother always says people should be able to take care of themselves, even if they're rich and important.' She was a powerful servant!

5. I thought this was a heart-warming story. At the beginning of this story, Mary, who was a main character of this story, was unhappy, and so she was a selfish and disagreeable person. However, she gradually changed and opened her mind by interacting with different people. Also, this story had some other lonely people, but in the end of this story, everyone became happy. I also got happy and satisfied to read the ending.

I'm sorry I was late writing a review.

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### **Janete says**

So lovely! It's a retold version with audio for people that learn English.

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### **??c Bui says**

Well, this is my second retold book in English after "The Taming of a Shrew" by William Shakespeare. Although it's a retold story, I enjoy it so much and so curious just like Mary when she discovers the secret garden. I have finished chapter 4 and still continue.

1. Mary is just like my younger sister, who has a nickname Merry. They're all bad-tempered and a bit selfish. I sometimes being so selfish, but be like Mary, it's really bad and truly disagreeable. But I think there is a reason that Mary becomes like that. It may be because the parents are too easy on her, maybe because she is alone too much, also it could be because she had a bad appearance that other people don't like her. But I think it's not inside that she is a totally bad person.

2. Mary has arrived at the moor with a lot of new things to discover. I also impress about Martha and her fearless and friendly conversations with Mary. Also, Dickon is really a wonderful boy. The story of the death of Mrs. Craven is sad, I feel sorry for her, too.

3. I'm very glad to see Mary change in her attitude. I also feel touched by Martha's mom action.

4,5,6. I think these chapters are so lovely and also hilarious. Now Mary is the one who tries to help another bad-tempered child names Colin to be more healthy and happy.

7. This must be one of the happiest endings that this story could have.

Although this retold book is a bit too short for the relationships between the characters and the flow of the original story, this book made me very enjoy when reading. If I had time, someday I'll read the original story of Frances Hodgson Burnett. Finally, I hope that all children could grow up, learn, change and be more beautiful and healthy as Colin and Mary did.

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### **Dominika says**

Ezt a történetet sohasem lehet megenni. Mikor kisebb voltam, egyszer?en magával ragadt a történet, és azt hiszem, hogy itt szerettem meg igazán az angliai tájat. Kivetni valót egyszer?en nem lehet benne találni, gyönyör? történet. Mary egy igazi kíváncsi kislány, és annyira örülök, hogy nem hagyta magát és felkutatta a titkos kertet, no és persze Colint :)

## **Hye Been Kim says**

The Secret Garden

This book is about the girl called Mary Lennox from India, and her father works in India. Also, there is a boy called Robin who wants to get the key and open the secret garden. There is nothing to do all day except walk in the gardens and watch the robin flying over the high walls of the secret garden which has been locked for the last ten years.

One day, Mary went out and she found out that there is a secret garden. she thought it was the loveliest and exciting place that she had ever seen and she met Colin one day, and they two trying to open the secret garden. However, at the first met of Mary and Colin, Colin hated Mary. And Mary thought he was the Indian prince. To be specific, Mary's parent get die at India. However, Mr Craven comes home back at last of the story. Moreover, at the end of the story, Colin and Robin gets to find out the key for the secret garden. And one day they suddenly find out the key and they went to secret garden. Also, at the last of the story, Mr Craven comes back to home, and Colin ran out, a tall, healthy, handsome boy, straight in to the Mr Craven arms from the secret garden.

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## **Jennifer Lee says**

Mary was a british girl. She was lived in India because of her father's work, but nobody care about Mary. Her father was very busy with his work and her mother spent all her time going to parties. So they paid money to someone care about her was a Indian woman, Kamala. One day her father sent back to England with her uncle. She lived in a big old house. There was nothing to do all day except walk in the gardens. One day she was walk in the garden she saw a secret garden which has been locked for then years. In this book a part of when Mary and her father was meet again after a long days. I like this part, because I could see they were very missed each other from their speech and I dislike when Mary's parents sent her back to England, but I think this book is a good book to read.

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## **alejaReyesC says**

**Good for pre intermedia level**

I liked this book. It's a good practices to learn English. The story is about two little children. I enjoy to read.

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## **Mneera says**

Beautiful story about girl how had bad tempered its full of changes and hop.

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## **Bharat Thakor says**

Shahaakaka

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## **BookPower says**

As i heard people talking about “The Secret Garden” I was surprised that it didn’t surprise me. I had higher expectations but I still think this is a good and well written book.

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## **Moe says**

1. Publisher= OXFORD

Book Series= OXFORD BOOKWORMS

Level= three

2. 10/26=30min + 10/28=45min = 75min in total

3. 7words summary:

girl-lonely-key-garden-magic-boy-healthy

4. Have you ever met the person (or the thing) who changed yourself or your life so far?

???Yes, I have. When I was in my elementary school, I met the girl who was the Japanese returnee student from Brazil. Thanks to her, I could notice the importance and fun to use English. Still now, she and I are having a good relationship.

5. I really liked this story. At the beginning of this story, I was thinking it's just a sad story about a lonely girl. However the more I read, the more I felt happier. At first the main character Mary was clossly girl, but it was interesting for me that I could felt the change in her feelings gradually. It was the secret garden which chaneged Mary. I thought it's so important for us to open own mind to other people. I learnedthat if I meet people with my heart opened, the people will also meet me as I do. I realized again that it's so important.

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## **Kosuke Kamiya says**

1. Oxford level 3

2. 6/15=30min 6/16=30min 6/17=30min 6/18=30min

3. selfish girl, sick, country, moor secret garden, selfish boy, magic

4a. I really like the scene that ill boy could stand by himself thank to his friend magic.

After that, he met his father and they embraced each other.

4b. I was very moved with last scene. When he was still ill, his father dislike him, because he couldn't be couldn't help but remember his wife who was died of disease as he looked at his ill sons. However, one day his feeling is different from former one. while he was asleep, his wife appeared and she led him to the secret garden, which they like.

5. This book tells me how wonderful family and nature are. Main characters could recover from disease due to nature such as moor, rose and any other plants. Nature also make their personalities better. they were also so selfish that they couldn't understand other's feeling. However they changed their character by experiencing the nature. Some people often say that those who lived in Tokyo have cold-hearted. I think so too, so I want them to feel nature, just foliage plants. Then they have more warm-hearted than before.

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## Mai Kimura says

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level 3

10/5 65min

Girl-Alone-Unfriendly-Garden-Secret-Key-Door

Q. Do you think that animals can understand what men say ?

A. Absolutely, yes!

I have had a dog since I was in elementary school.

So my dog and I have been with more than ten years, and I understand what she says and she seems to understand what I say :-)

For instance, when I asked her "Do you wanna take a walk?", she barked as if she had said "Sure!!!"

So I think animals can understand what we say even if they cannot speak.

One day, I found this book at the library by chance and then Miho recommended it to me, so I chose this book.

The most interesting point in this story is that the main character, who was named Mary, changes her personality into the good way little by little through communication with others.

And I am very curious about the person who is sometimes crying somewhere.

Who is it !? ha ha

I'm still reading, but I am really interested in it and the end of the story!

10/12 10min

10/13 55min

Girl-Boy-Visit-Cry-Wheelchair-Garden-Walk

Q. Have you ever surprised someone?

A. Yes! I like to surprise someone:-)

Particularly, I like birthday surprise!!

It is because I like to see someone smile ;-)

And for example, I made a birthday cake and visited the birthday friend without telling her that I would go.

It was a really nice memory!

Finally, I finished reading this book!!!

And I thought this was not mystery. ha ha

As I was reading, I could solve the riddle!

I knew who was crying and I am happy with the end of the story !

I want my friends to read .

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