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The show must go on!

That's what Jack and Annie learn when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to Elizabethan England. There they meet William Shakespeare himself—one of the greatest writers of all time! But Mr. Shakespeare's having a hard time with some of the actors in his latest show. Are Jack and Annie ready to make a big entrance? Or will it be curtains for Shakespeare?

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## From Reader Review Stage Fright on a Summer Night for online ebook

### Michael Castro says

In this story about the kids Jack and Annie, they are given a mission to travel back in time in order to solve a riddle to discover a new type of magic. Their mission is to figure out how to turn daytime into night. They travel to London, England, and meet a man named William. Maybe this man named William can help them solve the riddle. This book is a quick read, seeing as it is a children's book. I would definitely recommend this book to children. Maybe it could spark a interest in the series, and they could enjoy reading the rest of them.

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### Charissa Sophia de la Rosa says

I love this! It's also one of my favorites! This book made the first introduction of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to me and the second introduction that made me read the play is the *Sister's Grimm* series. It is just so adorable!

Jack and Annie went to the time of Queen Victoria I and participated in one of Shakespeare's plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. They met and talked to William Shakespeare and eventually got what they need, his letter.

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### Alex says

I enjoyed this book because I liked the part when Jack and Annie went on stage. Jack and Annie were on the stage because two fairies were lost and Will needed two people to be fairies (Will was the one who wrote the play - he was William Shakespeare).

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### Wilja says

Großartiges Kindeebuch über Theater, Shakespeare und Königin Elisabeth. Geschichte Kinderleicht vermittelt, total toll!

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### Norberto Leyva says

The Magic Tree House Series #25

Jack and Annie find a magic tree house in the woods in Pennsylvania, and the tree house takes them anywhere they tell it to. In this book they travel back in time to London, England during the 16th century to solve a magic riddle. When they get there, they see the people dressed weirdly and they smell the river. Jack wants to research the place, but Annie wants to experience it first hand. A form of entertainment was to have dogs and a bear fight, which made Annie upset. Will stops and hears Jack reading with emotion and asks him

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to be in the play because he was impressed with him. Annie dressed up like a boy so she could perform. They changed her name to Andy and she was able to perform in the theater. Jack had stage fright, and Will tried to calm him down. During the first lines, he was nervous but by the second time he was great and everyone cheered. Annie and Jack met Queen Elizabeth and they solve the riddle. Annie lets the bear go to the forest and its owner was upset. Will buys the bear and uses it in a play called "A Winter's Tale." I would recommend this book to middle or high school students who would like to learn more about Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth.

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### **Macey Schoenick says**

Jack and Annie are on another adventure back in time. They are traveling to London, England and they have to find out how to change daytime into night. They go all around London to try to figure out how they are going to change daytime into night. They meet a couple famous people that they didn't realize first who they actually were. Jack thinks this is impossible but Annie on the other hand never loses faith. Will they find a way to change daytime into night? Pick up this book today! Marry Pope Osborne does a very good job on keeping you into this series and they are always a fast read. If you are looking for a fast read and just to get out and read I would recommend reading this series or even just a book in this series!

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### **Chloe (aka Crystal) says**

#### **My Review:**

The question that always goes through my mind every time I read a Magic Tree House Book: Why, in every Magic Tree House book, does Jack and Annie's parents let them play outside in the dark? How long will it be until they discovers what their children do? :P

Anyways I've always loved this series. It just was perfect for me. I remember reading one for a book report... ~~that has nothing to do with this what so ever~~

In general, this book is great! I just can't imagine a kid growing up without reading a Magic Tree House book. This book has great historical facts (as do they all) and is entertaining. The only thing that might "scare" some people off would be the mentions of learning magic. I don't really recall any real magic at all in the whole series, but I could be wrong. ~~mostly I am since it's been years since I've read one with Morgana and Merlin~~

I'm contemplating reading the whole series again... and I'll most likely come across some that I never read.

Anyways totally recommend it for all ages.

So pretty much the only thing that people might not like is the mention of magic.

*This review was written in my own words and opinions.*

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### **Tyler Steinback says**

In the book "Stage Fright on a Summer Night" Jack and Annie go to England. They were sent there to learn a special type of magic. When they go to England they look around and eventually run into a guy named William. William then offered a chance for them to act in a play. I liked this book because because it showed bravery in the moment when they needed it the most. I would recommend this book to elementary school kids because it will teach them to be brave.

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### **Brandon Colligan says**

"Stage Fright on a Summer Night" is in the Magic Tree House Series when Jack and Annie find themselves in renaissance England. They find themselves looking for a certain type of magic. They eventually meet William Shakespeare and end up being extras in one of his plays. They later find out that the type of magic is found only in a play. This book has a simple plot but a fictional story line. I would recommend this book for children and young adults.

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### **Ashley Li says**

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#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

When I read this novel, I realized Will's feelings instead of the obvious theme which the author wanted to tell us. When Will met Jack and Annie, he was having a hard time in his life, so the appearance of Jack and Annie like the sunshine let his life become brighter. Jack and Annie helped Will find success. In my opinion, I should learn that the Will's insistence of the arts, because he insisted he needed to find actors in order to finish the show successfully. And we also should learn that when we see a person in trouble, we should come to help him. Probably we will brighten someone's world because of a causal little thing.

#### THE PLOT

Jack and Annie wanted to learn the magic in the magic tree house. Morgan, who is the magical librarian of Camelot. He tells them there is a magic can turn daytime into night. Morgan whisks them back to Elizabethan England. There they met Queen Elizabeth and Will. Will is having a hard time with some of the actors in his latest show. They didn't have enough actors to finish the show. At that time, Will met Jack and Annie, he found they had the amazing talent in performance. Will asked them to help him finish the show. In the end Jack overcame fear, finished the show, and after that he and Annie were comfortable on the stage. They also make friends with Will and they found the magic now, it's a theatre magic. And in the end they realized Will was William Shakespeare. He was a great writer in the world.

#### RECOMMEND

Stage Fright On A Summer Night is a book which combines history. Therefore, when we read this book we also can learn some history about the Elizabethan England. After I read this book, we can know some funny things which we don't know before, for example Queen Elizabeth's teeth were black because she ate too much sugar. Children are easily fascinated by the plots in the novel, so I think this novel is for the children in elementary school. When the children read this book, they also can learn some history, and the interesting history will let the children be interested in this book and the famous people in the history, thus arouse the interest of study. I think this book is for the children in elementary.

### **Kori Looker says**

Annie and her brother, Jack, travel through time in their magic tree house. They go back in time on a mission to turn night into day. While on their task, William Shakespere persuades them to be in his play. Desperate as Shakespere was, Jack gave in. Annie and Jack rock that play, which was held during the day, but night was the setting of the story. I recommend this book to anyone that has imagination. I gave "Stage Fright on a Summer Night" three stars.

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### **Laura says**

My favorite of the series so far; the story of Jack and Annie's turn at the Globe Theater was less formulaic than some of the previous installments. The time travellers were never in any serious danger but perhaps that is what made the plot develop more organically? I was amused by the sporadic inclusion of lines from Shakespeare's plays, and by the resolution of the subplot involving a tame bear.

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### **Carl Koch says**

I read "Stage Fright on a Summer Night" by Mary Pope Osborne. Jack and Annie have just saved Camelot, and Morgan wants them to be able to go on a fun trip next. She sends them to Elizabethan England in search of a special magic. They stumble upon a man named Will who is in desperate need of two people for his play. Annie said she would love to, but Jack has stage fright. Annie convinces Jack to do it and he only makes it through because he imagines he is somewhere else. They realize that is the special magic they were looking for and start to go home. Will offers them both jobs, but they turn it down because of their parents. He leaves them a script signed, William Shakespeare, and they return home.

Jack is one of the main characters and is dynamic in the story. Throughout the book he learns to overcome his fear of acting in front of other people. Annie is the other main character, but doesn't change much over the course of the book. She encourages Jack to help with the play and also rescues a bear named Dan.

The book is set in England during the Elizabethan era. The setting gives the reader a good idea of the events that could take place in that time period. It also provides a good picture of what the scene will look like.

Overall I thought "Stage Fright on a Summer Night" was a very good book. It has a simple vocabulary which makes it an easy read for people of most reading levels. The author also does a very good job of keeping the readers interest throughout the whole book. For those reasons I would give "Stage Fright on a Summer Night" four out of five stars.

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### **Lynette Caulkins says**

I needed a book for the season-of-the-year Popsugar prompt. My kids loved these when they were young. They'd make fun read-aloud selections, too. It didn't hold as much value for me as an adult reader.

## **Bryce Akey says**

“Stage Fright on a Summer Night” is the 25th book in this series. This book is about when Jack and Annie travel back in time to when William Shakespeare was alive. Jack and Annie travel to London, England to search for magic. When they first arrive Annie sees a bear that is used for bear fights. She thinks it is meant to make bears fight each other. While they are there they meet a man named Will. Will overheard Jack reading, and wanted Jack to be in his play. Jack was nervous about being in the play, but he does it anyways. After the play was done, Annie decided she wanted to steal the bear she saw in the cage. Annie soon was caught by the bear’s owner. Will decided he would buy the bear, so it did not have to be used to fight. A while later Jack and Annie discover that Will is really William Shakespeare. Once they said goodbye, Jack and Annie traveled back to their hometown.

The main characters in this book are Jack, Annie, and William Shakespeare. Jack is eight years old, and is very cautious when it comes to his sister. Annie is seven years old, and loves to go on adventures. William Shakespeare is a great writer from Elizabethan times.

The setting of this book takes place back in time to when Queen Elizabeth ruled England. The play that takes place in this book is located at The Globe Theater. This book starts out in present times, but then moves back in time.

I recommend this book to children who are reading chapter books. This book is fun, and easy to follow. This was a good book, and it kept my interest.

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## **Simon says**

Now this book and the 3 after it are all written AFTER "Christmas in Camelot", so they kind of take place after those events, but it is never really spoken of, so the books were carried on as part of the original series.

This book was very good, I enjoyed the magic of it and the idea that everyday people can achieve magic from all over the regular routines of life were exciting and fun.

I actually read this book cover to cover for the first time 2 weeks ago. When I had first heard of its existence I thought I had outgrown Jack and Annie and left all of that behind me, but I decided that it was time for me to finish what I started 13 long years ago and get with it.

The magic of theater is something I like because I act myself and Shakespeare was the master of the art. One thing I didn't enjoy was the whole episode with the bear, but whatever.

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## **Leto says**

Jack and Annie went to one of the times in London when William Shakespeare was alive. They crossed London Bridge and found out and remembered the song about London Bridge, so Annie started singing it. The reason why the song was made was because London Bridge falls down a lot. They found out about a

globe theatre. They didn't have electricity. They had to use actors to do the steps in the play. Annie pretended to be a boy so they called her Andy instead of Annie because they didn't want the actors and the audience to know that Annie was a girl because girls were against the law to be in plays. Gladly, they didn't know about it because they said, "Andy" instead and she hid her pigtails.

I liked it because Annie wasn't known even though she was breaking the law, but at least women could watch the play.

[reviewed by a 6 year old, typed by his mama]

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### **Jacob says**

I liked this one more than Dingoes at Dinnertime because I really like the ones when they travel back in history. I love learning about history. They learn more by going back in history then they would learn just be reading about it in the book. If they go back in history, they can find the EXACT truth instead of having to rely on a library book...because, you know, even non-fiction books from the library aren't always completely true.

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### **Dan Tews says**

"Stage Fright on a Summer Night," is about two young kids that are brother and sister. The boy's name is Jack and the girl's name is Annie. These two kids are very adventurous and love being outdoors. At night before they both have to go to bed they both go outside and go to their treehouse. When they both are in the treehouse, Jack gets out a magical book and starts reading. After he starts reading the treehouse starts spinning and then goes back into time to whatever article he was reading from out of his book. In this story he was reading for a Shakespearean poem and the tree house started spinning and Jack and Annie woke up in the 1600s in Europe. They get down out of the treehouse and start exploring the area. After exploring for about an hour, they came across this big theatre that only costed a penny to watch one play. They both dug into their pockets and neither had a penny. Jack then started reading from his book about the theatre when a man heard him reading. His name was William and he was an actor in one of the plays. William had asked Jack and Annie if they wanted to be in a play and Jack and Annie both agreed to joining the play. William took both Jack and Annie around to the back of the theatre to the dressing room, so they could all get ready for the upcoming play. Jack and Annie had to do a speech and sing in front of many people. After the play was over, Jack and Annie left the play when William found them leaving the theatre. William called to them and gave them a scroll for being apart of the play. Jack and Annie both left then and went back to the treehouse. When they got to the treehouse Jack made a wish to go back home and then the treehouse started spinning and then everything went quiet and still. They both got up and looked at the scroll that William had given them. The scroll was a play written by William and he signed it at the bottom. His full name was William Shakespeare. When Jack and Annie saw that it was signed by William Shakespeare they were amazed. They left the scroll in the treehouse to keep it hidden and ran back to their house and went to bed.

This book starts off in the present day during the summer with two very young children that go outside during the night just before bed. They go into their magic treehouse and go back in time to the early 1600s in Europe. The weather in Europe in 1600 was hot and the air smelled very bad. The story goes on and the day gets late in Europe after the play Jack and Annie both leave Europe in their magic treehouse and go back to

their home in the present day. When they get back it is like time had stopped and it was still dark outside the treehouse. Jack and Annie ran inside and went to bed.

The characters in "Stage Fright on a Summer Night," are two young kids than love adventure. They can travel back in time in their treehouse by reading out of their special book. When they had arrived in Europe they met a man named William. He was a very nice man, tall, skinny and smelly. He had given them a free pass to the play but he also let them perform in the play as well.

The authors message in this story is that no matter how big the adventure may seem, always try your best to achieve the goal that you have. If someone says that you can not do something that does not mean you can not do it. Put all the effort you can into your adventure, you can achieve any adventure ahead of you.

I recommend this book to anyone that loves reading about adventure. This book has many twists and turns, and is a very easy read. It is also easy to follow and understand. The author does a good job at describing what is going on and what the conditions are like throughout the story. I recommend this book to very young children, or young adults looking to pass the time.

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### **Carina says**

our friend Will, I guess no child gets it :D #Shakespeare  
wonderful books!

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