

The Secret Garden

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Chapter 1

- 1 Mary Lennox went to live in Yorkshire with her uncle because her mother and father died of cholera.
- 2 Mary was difficult and selfish, and she only thought about herself.
- 3 Mrs Medlock thought that Mr Craven would not look after Mary because he didn't care about anyone. Also, he was away most of the time.

Chapter 2

- 1 Martha was surprised because in her family the children were always hungry. They never had full stomachs.
- 2 One of the gardens was locked up ten years ago.
- 3 Mary first saw the robin on top of a tree in the secret garden.

Chapter 3

- 1 Mr Craven hated the locked garden because his wife died there. She fell from a tree.
- 2 When she was with Martha, Mary heard the sound of a child crying.
- 3 Mary found the key to the secret garden at the back of the kitchen gardens. It was in a flower-bed behind the ivy-covered wall.

Chapter 4

- 1 The door to the secret garden had been hidden under ivy. Mary found the door because a strong wind lifted some of the ivy from the wall.
- 2 On her first visit to the secret garden, Mary dug away the weeds and the grass around the green shoots.
- 3 Martha and Mary wrote a letter to Dickon to ask him to buy a fork and spade and some seeds for Mary.

Chapter 5

- 1 A young lady (Mrs Craven) taught Ben Weatherstaff about roses.
- 2 Dickon was used to keeping secrets about the animals that he found on the moor. So Mary knew that Dickon would keep her secret.
- 3 The roses had been cut back in the secret garden. So Dickon thought that someone had been there in the last ten years.
- 4 Mary asked Mr Craven for a bit of earth.

Chapter 6

- 1 Colin had heard people saying that he would not live. So he thought that he was going to die.
- 2 Mary wanted the garden to be a secret. So she tried to stop Colin from telling the servants about it.

Chapter 7

- 1 Normally, Colin didn't let people look at him, and he often had tantrums. So it surprised Martha when he was nice to Mary.
- 2 Mary thought that Colin was different from Dickon because he thought he was very important. Also, he was always talking about dying.
- 3 Mary still wasn't sure whether Colin would be able to keep the garden a secret. So, she didn't tell Colin that she had been there.

Chapter 8

- 1 Colin was afraid of becoming a hunchback. Mary and Dickon thought that if Colin went into the secret garden, he would stop thinking about it.
- 2 Colin was angry with Mary because she was with Dickon all day and she didn't come to see him.

Chapter 9

- 1 Mr Craven sent Mary some books, some games and a writing case.
- 2 Dickon brought a newborn lamb, a fox cub, two squirrels and a crow to see Colin.

Chapter 10

- 1 Colin had always said that fresh air would give him a cold and kill him. So Mrs Medlock was surprised that Colin wanted to go outside into the gardens.
- 2 Ben Weatherstaff cried when he saw Colin because he realized that Colin was not a hunchback after all.
- 3 Ben used to look after Mrs Craven's garden for her. When she died, Ben had secretly continued to come into the garden to do some work there.

Chapter 11

- 1 Colin wanted to walk and run like other boys before telling Dr Craven he could walk again. Keeping it secret from everyone would allow Colin to surprise his father when he returned to Misselthwaite.
- 2 Dickon's mother gave the children milk and bread because they were always hungry. They didn't want to ask for more food or the servants wouldn't believe that Colin was still ill.

Chapter 12

- 1 Mr Craven came back to Misselthwaite Manor because he had a dream in which his wife was calling him into the garden. He also received a letter from Dickon's mother asking him to come home.
- 2 Mr Craven could hear laughter and the noise of running feet inside the secret garden. This sound was unusual so Mr Craven thought that he was dreaming again.