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The Night Garden



Synopsis

From Newbery Honor and National Book Award-winning author Polly Horvath is this magical middle-grade novel about a garden that grants wishes. It is World War II, and Franny and her parents, Sina and Old Tom, enjoy a quiet life on a farm on Vancouver Island. Franny writes, Sina sculpts, and Old Tom tends to their many gardens—including the ancient, mysterious night garden. Their peaceful life is interrupted when their neighbor, Crying Alice, begs Sina to watch her children while she goes to visit her husband at the military base because she suspects he's up to no good. Soon after the children move in, letters arrive from their father that suggest he's about to do something to change their lives; and appearances from a stubborn young cook, UFOs, hermits, and ghosts only make life stranger. Can the forbidden night garden that supposedly grants everyone one wish help them all out of trouble? And if so, at what cost? *The Night Garden* is a poignant and hilarious story from acclaimed children's author Polly Horvath.

Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

"Horvath infuses her novel with such heart, zest, and humor in the small moments that she's created a book her devoted fan base will cherish. Notably, the denizens of Vancouver Island have a delicious lack of separation between adult and child—all are

wholeheartedly curious, beautifully flawed, and deeply amusing. [Booklist](#), starred review “Horvath’s bright prose and unerring sense of timing keep us turning pages to arrive at the book’s final, transcendently profound, scene. [Horn Book](#) “The quirky characters and Franny’s dry-humored narration stand out as Horvath invokes classic literary elements of orphans, secret gardens, and found families. [Publishers Weekly](#)

Polly Horvath has written many books for children and young adults, among them *Everything on a Waffle*, *The Canning Season*, and *One Year in Coal Harbor*. She has won numerous awards including a National Book Award, Newbery Honor, Toronto Dominion Award, International White Raven, and Canadian Library Association’s Young Adult Book of the Year. She has also been short-listed for Germany’s most prestigious literature award, the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis, as well as the Writer’s Trust Vicky Metcalfe Award for her body of work and many others. Her books have been *New York Times* and *Publishers Weekly* bestsellers and Rosie O’Donnell and Oprah picks. She is translated into over 25 languages and her books are taught in children’s literature curricula in North America and internationally. She lives in British Columbia.

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