

Book Report

I Coriander

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Introduction

Title: I Coriander.

Author: Sally Gardener.

Illustrator: Lydia Corry.

This book is fiction.

I chose it because it was on our class reading list.

The Setting

It is set in a little house beside the river Thames in London.

The Hobie family have a beautiful flower garden.

This story is set in the 17th century.



The Characters

The main character is a young girl called Coriander.

She has a friend called Danes, who is the housemaid.

I think Coriander is my favourite character because she made the story stand out.

I like Danes because she was nice to Coriander and everybody in the story.

I like her mother and father because they were really nice. It was sad when the mother died and the father was supposed to go to prison but he fled before they could put him in prison.

Maud Leggs is Coriander's stepmother. She is a cruel and evil lady.

She has a daughter called Hester. Along with her evil friend Arise Fell, they make Coriander's life worse.

The story tells the life of a seventeenth-century girl named Coriander. Coriander Hobie is born the daughter of a wealthy merchant living beside the river Thames in London, a few years before the English Civil War. The story is told from Coriander's point of view as she remembers her childhood. She pays little attention to the other things around her, only to her mother's medicines which she sells to her neighbours and to the fairy stories her mother tells her in her room full of murals of golden creatures. A few days later, a raven flies into Coriander's mother's room and kills her. It is her evil stepmother's raven.

Middle: Coriander's father remarries after Eleanor, his wife dies. The woman he chooses is a mean and evil puritan woman called Maud Leggs, who begins to change Coriander's life for the worse. Though her stepmother brings the child of her previous marriage, Hester, who dearly loves Coriander, it is not enough to make up for Maud's cruel treatment of Coriander.

Coriander's father is away longer and longer on business. Coriander's father flees to France and she is left with Maud and Hester. Without Coriander's father there to protect her and the household, Maud takes total control and sells all their nice furniture, scrubs all the paintings from Coriander's room and invites a cruel puritan preacher to live with them.

The preacher (Arise Fell) and Maud continue to abuse Coriander and tell her she must take on a more Christian name (Ann). They beat her whenever she refuses to use the name. They soon dismiss Coriander's favourite servant who, apart from Hester, had been her only remaining friend. After Coriander hides a doll in the cupboard, her stepmother is furious with her and cuts her hair. The preacher, Arise Fell, and Maud unleash their fury and lock Coriander in a red chest in the hope that she will die.

Coriander is instead transported to the fairies' world where she is helped along by an old man called Medlar who claims to have known her parents. Coriander travels to the fairy world as a little blue light invisible to all others and the old man Medlar shows her that her mother is really the fairy princess, daughter of the fairy king.

We discover that before her mother fled the fairy world for the human world, her father remarried a dark fairy who became Queen Rosemore and sought to steal her mother's fairy shadow, her source of her power. Now Rosemore schemes for her daughter to marry a fairy prince, Tycho, who wants nothing to do with her. Coriander inadvertently meets Tycho and tells him to resist Rosemore and fight back, despite the threat that Rosemore will turn him into a fox and have giants hunt him if he refuses.

At the end of the story Danes gets engaged to Master Thankless (he is the man who works with the tailor in the story). Coriander's father comes back from France, where he fled to escape going to prison. Danes gets married to Master Thankless!!

Coriander finally tells her father that the person she loves is Tyco (the prince she met in the fairy world).

Conclusion

Coriander meets Tyco again. He proposes to Coriander and they get married. Then they live happily forever!



I Coriander is a good book.

I would recommend it for ages 10+.

I would give it  stars.