

# The Secret Garden

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Frances Hodgson Burnett's beloved story follows a lonely, neglected girl who discovers a hidden garden and transforms both it and herself, celebrating the healing power of nature and friendship.

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## Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	<b>awakening</b>	v. 1.to wake from sleep; 2 to make sharply aware; n. the act of waking   <i>"Each morning brought a new awakening shoot, pale green and trembling, pushing through the cold Yorkshire soil."</i>
1	<b>disagreeable</b>	adj. not pleasant or enjoyable; causing discomfort.   <i>"Mary had always been disagreeable and sour, yet the garden coaxed something gentler slowly out of her."</i>
1	<b>flourishing</b>	v. grow vigorously; to reach a desired level of accomplishment   <i>"By midsummer the once-dead garden was fully flourishing, rioting with colour from wall to mossy wall."</i>
1	<b>instinctively</b>	adv. acting on instinct without thinking about it.   <i>"Mary instinctively knelt beside the small green spike, knowing without being told that something precious grew there."</i>
1	<b>melancholy</b>	n. a deep feeling of sadness or sorrow.   <i>"Archibald Craven remained melancholy and distant, unable to enter any room that reminded him of his lost wife."</i>
1	<b>neglected</b>	adj. not cared for or given attention.   <i>"The neglected garden had been locked and forgotten for ten years, its door hidden beneath a curtain of ivy."</i>
1	<b>overgrown</b>	adj. covered with plants or grass that have grown too tall.   <i>"The overgrown roses still clung to the old stone walls, alive beneath their tangle of grey and withered stems."</i>
1	<b>rejuvenate</b>	v. to make someone or something feel young again.   <i>"The open air and digging seemed to rejuvenate Colin in ways that no doctor's remedy had ever managed."</i>
1	<b>restorative</b>	adj. able to make something strong and healthy again   <i>"The Yorkshire air proved deeply restorative, bringing colour to Colin's pale cheeks within a fortnight of going out."</i>
1	<b>reverently</b>	adv. in a way that shows deep respect.   <i>"The children spoke reverently of the garden's magic, as though the very soil were something sacred and alive."</i>
1	<b>solitary</b>	adj. being alone or without companions.   <i>"Mary had lived a solitary existence in India, surrounded by servants yet beloved by absolutely no one at all."</i>
1	<b>stubbornly</b>	adv. tenaciously unwilling or marked by tenacious unwillingness to yield   <i>"Colin stubbornly refused to leave his room until Mary described the garden in such vivid detail he wept."</i>
1	<b>tentatively</b>	adv. in a way that is not definite or certain.   <i>"Mary tentatively pushed the door open, half expecting the garden to vanish like something from a dream."</i>
1	<b>transform</b>	v. to change completely in form or appearance.   <i>"Dickon had the rare gift to transform any wild or frightened creature into a willing and trusting companion."</i>
1	<b>vigorously</b>	adj. demanding strength or energy; very active   <i>"Colin dug vigorously at the earth, astonished by the strength that had quietly grown inside his own thin arms."</i>