

## Bookfolio for **The Secret Garden**

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**Recommended for:** [Grades 3-5](#)

**Classification:** Fiction

**Genre:** [Realistic Fiction](#)

**Story Summary:** Mary, the little girl from India, knew little of love and friendship when she arrived in Yorkshire, England, to live with her uncle, Mr. Craven, at Misselthwaite Manor, a one-hundred room mansion. "Mistress Mary, quite contrary" as she became known, was ignored and rejected by her parents and had relied on servants for all her needs. A cholera epidemic in India had fatally struck down both her parents, sparing her and leaving her even more emotionally destitute. At Misselthwaite, where she is rejected by her uncle, she befriends Dickon, a peasant boy from the village. Together they bring the secret garden to life. Mary begins to come out of her shell and, when she meets her ailing cousin Colin, who is also ten years old, motherless, and rejected by his father, Mary shares her secret garden with him. It is in the secret garden that Mary and Colin come to discover and share the magical renewal of all living things. It is the same spirit of renewal that restores Mary and Colin's physical and mental health, and eventually Colin's father is also transformed.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** "Might I have a Bit of Earth?", pages 100-107

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:**

**R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

The Secret Garden - Independent Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">It's a Classic</a> (Writing about classics)	S , W
2. <a href="#">Changed Feelings</a> (Comparing characters' feelings)	D , W
3. <a href="#">Runnin' Wild</a> (Drawing a picture)	D
4. <a href="#">Mistress Mary</a> (Making a picture book)	D , S , W
5. <a href="#">A Pen Pal in India</a> (Writing a letter)	W
6. <a href="#">India's Vegetation</a> (Writing a report)	D , R , S , W
The Secret Garden - Group Activities	Skills
1. <a href="#">Share a Classic</a> (Discussing characteristics of a classic)	L , R , S
2. <a href="#">A Chapter Selection</a> (Presenting a Readers Theatre)	S
3. <a href="#">Changes</a> (Writing a poem)	D , S , W
4. <a href="#">Landscape Architects</a> (Making an English garden)	D , S
5. <a href="#">Mary's Route to England</a> (Making a map)	D , W
6. <a href="#">"Let's Talk About..."</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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