

Book Nook on: Rainbow Garden

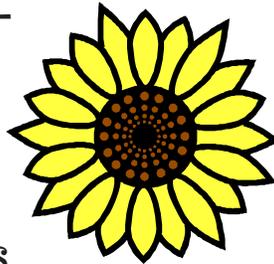


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Hello to all of you! Recently a friend loaned me the book, *Rainbow Garden*. It was such a wonderful book that I could scarcely put it down until I had finished it! It is about a young girl who is very selfish and spoiled. She lives with her mother and housekeeper in London. The girl's name is Elaine. When her mother gets a job in France, Elaine is sent to the country where a distant friend of her mother lives. Once



a happy girl and played with all of the children until the summer before when she had hurt her legs. Now she can not walk any- more. At this time in the story, how- ever, Phillipa and her mother are in London where Phillipa is receiv- ing special treatment from doctors. Elaine does not know this so she goes

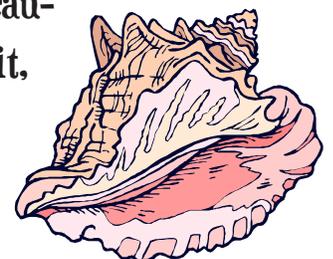


in the country, Elaine lives with the Owens, a Christian family, but she feels very rejected and alone. The six children in the family

into the garden in front of Phillipa's house. The garden is much overgrown and needs some work to be done, but to Elaine it looks beautiful. After that, she begins to come to the garden to work in it nearly every day by making a little rockery and weeding the flowerbeds. Somehow, Elaine finds a little source of comfort in 'her garden' as she calls it.

try to be kind to her, but eventually they stop asking her to play games with them because of her bad attitude. It is then that Elaine discovers the garden. The garden is in front of a house occupied by a girl, Phillipa, and her mother. Phillipa had been

One day, Elaine is in the garden when she finds a shell, so beautiful that she steals it, thinking to show the Owens children what she has found and



thereby gain their favor. You see, Elaine is still feeling left out and the children aren't even trying to include her in their games any more, because she yelled at them and said that their games were silly and childish. But Elaine thinks that if she takes the shell and shows it to the other kids, they may not think that she is 'dumb.' Well, she shows the shell to the amazed children, but strangely enough, she becomes frightened. She becomes afraid that the police will find out what she has done. She is so fearful and unhappy that she runs away into the woods.



Mr. Owen, who is the deacon of the Christian church in the country and loves the Lord with all of his heart, sets off to find Elaine. When he finds her, Mr. Owen asks Elaine about what she has done and talks to her about the love of Jesus and how He died to save us. Right there in the woods Elaine gives her heart to the Lord.

The rest of the story I will leave for you to read since I do not want to spoil the remains of the book. As I said before, I thoroughly enjoyed this story and hope you will have the pleasure of reading it as well!

