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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Illustrations from "The Night Gardener"



This was the final rough for The Night Gardener cover, based on suggestions from our editor and art director, Christian Trimmer and Lizzy Bromley. In an earlier version we had the night gardener working on the tree, but Lizzy and Christian rightly pointed out that it was really William's story and they chose a quiet moment of wonder to encapsulate the narrative.

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Having a solid rough to work from always makes the final art a lot easier. Lots of feedback from our editor

and art director as well. Lizzy chose an absolutely beautiful typeface for the title.

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This image of the town is from our first rough dummy. The setting was originally going to be Victorian, but we ultimately decided to make the time period less specific. The charm of the houses and people in this image seemed to be pushing back against the general theme of the book as well.

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Here we really wanted to emphasize the idea of a glum and depressed neighborhood that undergoes transformation. The street is more ordinary, and we tried to make the people as sad and defeated-looking as possible.

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This was a rough of the cat tree from the same dummy. The Victorian lamppost is a holdover from that original setting. We weren't sure quite where to put the tree still, hence the manicured grounds around it but the lack of any other specificity.

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Once we had moved away from the Victorian setting things started to fall into place. We decided the tree should be in an ordinary backyard and that the owner of the house should be a cat-lover who discovers the tree in the morning.

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From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 2—With spare text and a simple palette, *The Night Gardener* tells the story of a depressed town's transformation with the help of a nocturnal gardener. The book begins on Grimloch Lane, a street where every head hangs down and an orphan boy, William, is down in the dumps. A dapper elderly man with a green leaf shining in his pocket passes him, and the magic begins. Every night, a new fantastical topiary appears in a tree on Grimloch Lane, to the neighborhood's delight. People begin playing outside, drawing, playing the tuba, and looking up in wonder: it's an urban planner's delight. William gets to tag along one night, and as the season changes, the work of creating community-revitalizing topiaries is passed to him. The illustrations look like a more cheerful Edward Gorey, done with a blend of fine-tip ink and pencil work and watercolor, with the night portrayed in pearly monochromatic blues. While most of the characters are white, a few background characters wandering through the trees are people of color. **VERDICT** An elegant picture book that celebrates creativity and community; for first purchase.—Lisa Nowlain, Darien Library, CT

Review

"A treat, with artwork worth lingering over." (Publishers Weekly, **STARRED REVIEW**)

"It is a pleasing collaboration with art bound to both haunt and delight." (Booklist)

"An elegant picture book that celebrates creativity and community." (School Library Journal, **STARRED REVIEW**)

"An uplifting testament to the effect that a caring adult can have on a lonely child... Visual pleasure abounds." (Kirkus Reviews, **STARRED REVIEW**)

"*The Night Gardener* is visual storytelling at its best." (Shelf Awareness, **STARRED REVIEW**)

"The message about the transformative power of art is a powerful one, and the intriguing premise and graceful art are definitely captivating. Reminiscent of Chris Van Allsburg's imaginative works as well as Lane Smith's *Grandpa Green*." (The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Cassie Merritt:

This The Night Gardener book is absolutely not ordinary book, you have it then the world is in your hands. The benefit you will get by reading this book is definitely information inside this reserve incredible fresh, you will get information which is getting deeper a person read a lot of information you will get. This particular The Night Gardener without we recognize teach the one who looking at it become critical in contemplating and analyzing. Don't become worry The Night Gardener can bring if you are and not make your case space or bookshelves' grow to be full because you can have it with your lovely laptop even cell phone. This The Night Gardener having good arrangement in word and also layout, so you will not experience uninterested in reading.

Patricia Koop:

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Linda Williams:

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