

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

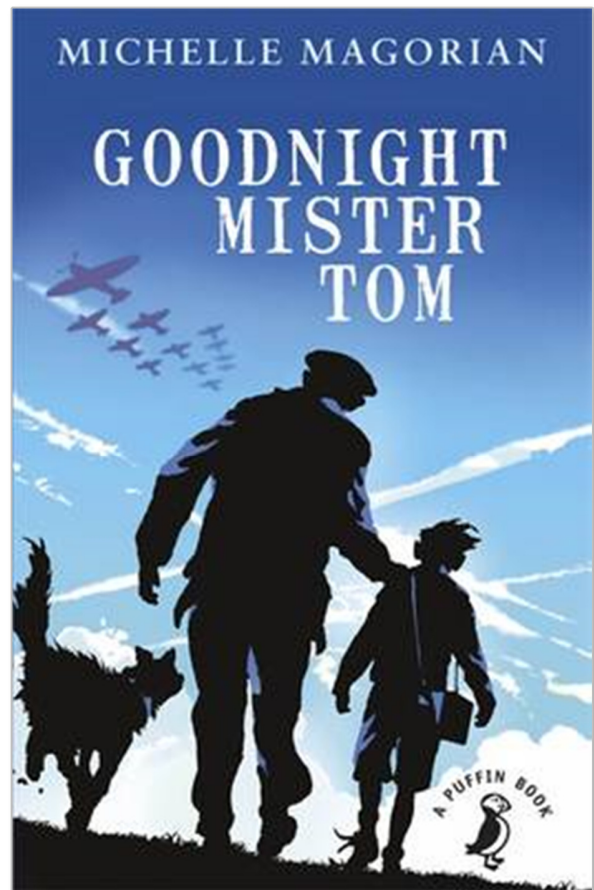
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Luke Bauer, Age 11**

***Everyone will enjoy this fantastic novel about the WW2 evacuee William Beech. William gets evacuated to the town of Little Weirwold, and with his foster parent, Tom, he discovers a whole new world.***

*I really enjoyed this book. The informal language made the book better. You could imagine what happens because of the descriptive text about the time in which the book is set. The length of the book makes it easier to read and so that the reader doesn't get bored and puts it down. I would recommend this book to 8-11 year olds but some adults might enjoy it too.*

*I would rate this four stars and I'd say this is for both girls and boys to read.*



**Isobel Jeffries, age 8**

***I really believed in the characters and the setting for this story. It made me ask Grandma about the war and evacuees, which Mum said was a good thing to do so that we remember what happened.***

*I really enjoyed the story, particularly the descriptions and the character of Zacharias Wrench-Zach for short. There were some chapters that I didn't enjoy because they were sad and some of the characters were horrible, but this made me believe in the story even more.*

### **Isobel's Mum**

***I had forgotten how powerful this story is, and some of it was perhaps a bit difficult to understand for my eight year old. However the story kept her going and we enjoyed reading it together.***

### **Erica Motoc, age 7**

***'Goodnight Mister Tom' is a really good book*** which uses grown up language and I find it useful to learn new words. My favourite part is where the evacuee called Willie meets some friends named Ginnie, Carrie, Zach and George at Little Weirwold when he first gets there.

When Willie starts school he has to be in the first class, where people cannot read or write, taught by Mrs. Black. But Willie builds up and goes to Mrs. Hartidges class, with all his other friends. With his mum being cruel to him, sewing his pants to his vest and telling him that kissing is a sin and going to the theatre is a sin, but also to other people, like baby Trudy, he gets to be kidnapped back by Mr Tom who takes him to the hospital and looks after him.

### **Emily Keaveny, age 10**

***A fantastic book about the Second World War and what it was like to be an evacuee.***

There are some sad bits but it is nice that when he goes to Mr Tom his life gets better. His mum is mean and he has no friends, his mum is wrong because when he goes to stay with Mr Tom he makes friends. When Willie went on the stage he was able to overcome some of his fears. It was nice of Mr Tom to not hurt Willie and not use the belt his mum sent.

*It made me feel happy that Willie stopped being shy when he lived with Mr Tom.*

*If you are interested in the Second World War and are older than 10 you would enjoy this book.*

### **Ellen Cox, age 7**

***I loved this book - enjoyed the story and also learning things about the war.***

*I reads this book with my Mummy and really enjoyed the story. I liked the characters of Willie and Zach the best. Zach sounded like he was lots of fun - I*

*cried at the part when he dies. I really didn't like the parts of the story about how Willie's mummy was so mean to him. I'm glad the story had a happy ending, Mister Tom sounds really kind.*