

Book Review of 'The Tales of Redwall' (author: Brian Jacques)

At the age of 8, I received a set of books as a birthday gift from a family friend. The series had been recommended to her by her son who had a love of nature and animals like me. The books were highly descriptive and I found it hard to understand the story so my mum agreed to read them with me. We didn't finish the first book we chose to read ('The Long Patrol'). After a few years I became a more experienced reader, having read books such as 'The Roman Mysteries' and 'Tunnels', 'Deeper' and 'Freefall'. I rediscovered 'The Tales of Redwall' hidden beneath my bookcase. Now I have read 3 of the Redwall books: 'Redwall', 'Mossflower' and 'The Long Patrol' (I started it from scratch) and I'm now on my fourth book, 'The Pearls of Lutra'.

Redwall is an abbey in Mossflower Woods which is always disturbed by vermin trying to capture it for themselves. Brian Jacques, the author, fills his books with exciting, friendly and evil characters. Friendly ones - Martin the Warrior, Matthias and Tammo - and evil ones - Cluny the Scourge, Tsarina and Damug Warfang. Packed with action, sorrow, joy and even poems and songs by Redwallers, 'The Tales of Redwall' are my favourite books and I am looking forward to reading all the thrilling adventures hidden deep in their pages. I would thoroughly recommend them to anyone aged 10+ who enjoys stories that capture their imagination!

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(Aged 11)