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While on holiday by the sea, Mike, Peggy, Nora and their friend Jack go exploring in the caves on the beach. They soon discover a secret passage that leads to the Old House on the cliff, where they find a kidnapped young prince is being held captive! The friends make a bold plan to help the Prince escape - but will it succeed?

The Secret of Spiggy Holes Details

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Michele Mason says

A great children's book, full of excitement and thrills. I grew up on the books of Enid Bayton, so this brought back very fond memories. What stands out in her books is the independence of the children and their great abilities for problem solving. But, of course the world was much simpler then. One thing I really noticed in this book was the heavy focus on food - it's hard to believe that these children didn't end up as greatly overweight at the end of their summer holidays!

But, with the independence of the children comes the inevitable consideration of absent parenting, and leaving children to their own devices. In this instance, after boarding school, the four children are sent to spend their summer holidays with strangers while their parents are off pursuing some matter of their own. A convenient plot device obviously, but also perhaps a sign of how Bayton saw parenting?

Tin says

Gosh! I loved this book as a child. It was the one that got me into reading novels and loving adventure stories.

Luffy says

Like for other series of hers, Enid Blyton earns her spurs during description of coastlines and caves and secret passages. The various forgotten routes and secret mechanisms to activate doors are maturely exposed and I feel I cannot really write as good as a detailed story myself. So it's confirmed that Enid Blyton is a better storyteller than me. But I knew that already! The plot is about a dark young Prince being kidnapped. The main character of the previous book, The Secret Island, makes a cameo here. Of course all ends well. As I've always said, these books can give an adult thriller a run for its money in terms of stakes and twists. There were two or three problems whose resolutions prompted me to give this book a well deserved four stars. I'll be reading more of this series soon.

Elsbeth Hall says

I thought, given how many Famous Five books I have read and given how similar the blurb was between this and certain Famous Five mysteries, that I would find this to be a pale imitation. But no, The Secret of Spiggy Holes is a wonderful book with delightful characters. Similar theme yes, but a totally different adventure and most importantly one that does not feel dated (unlike the Famous Five series).

Enid's way of getting you into the children's point of view not only physically but also mentally is at it's best here. You will find yourself suspending belief and trusting totally as they trust. Only after you put the book down will you think - well actually that was rather obvious....

And that for me is the delight in this book.

I shall be looking to buy the rest of the series.

PenNPaper52 says

The second book in the series was a delight to read. It was fun revisiting with Jack and Mike and Peggy and Nora. And then the surprise treat at the end... living on the secret island of the first book. That was a hoot rediscovering all their old haunts... nooks... and cranies. Loved the book... Enid Blyton truly was a great storyteller.

One thing though... some might not like the very racist comment of black faces. But if you take it as a good story to read... then you will not mind it... much!

Lynn says

It seems that my 8 yr old daughter enjoys Enid as much as I did as a kid! Have loved reading this with her.

Ella says

Bearing in mind that I'm a teenager rereading childhood favourite, I can say that I was rather disappointed with the second of Blyton's Secret Series. I often reread The Secret Island as it is one of my favourite childhood books but this is the first time since a kid that I've decided to reread the whole series.

Blyton definitely captured the adventurous aspect as she often does. However, seeing as I didn't remember a thing from this book, I was not hooked. When reading The Secret Island, I am always hooked despite knowing exactly what is going to happen.

Nevertheless, this book is a pleasant-enough tale and the return of to their secret island inflicted some much-needed nostalgia. What those kids would do without Jack? We'll never know.

shruti says

This second book of the "secret" series is much weaker than the first. The first was different and more creative than the other Enid Blyton books, but the remainder of the series falls into her usual pattern. Which is a pattern I love, obviously, but I was surprised and happy about how different The Secret Island was that I guess I hoped it would hold through for the series.

Chiara says

Nice adventure and flows well

Em*bedded-in-books* says

I have read this book umpteen times in my childhood. And it was just as interesting as it was when I started it again a couple of days ago. This is about 4 children falling into a mystery and helping a kidnapped prince escape, while eating lots of goodies in between. Was Enid Blyton a foodie? all her books are chocful of treats and I feel hungry whenever I read those books.

Neha Azhar says

I loved this book more than I would have loved it on ordinary days as it helped me go through a dark and shitty week (read: I lost my phone and I felt like I was living in Dark Ages, hence "dark", and shitty because I have exams in a few days). We're slaves to technology, for sure. I've now read two books of Enid Blyton's Secret series and admire them both equally.

Kirsten Yates says

I read and reread this book as a child along with my older sister. When Mr10 turned 5 we began our own journey into the secret series and now we own and love them all. Fast forward and now Mr7 is enjoying a chapter each night. Sometimes it's very hard to stop after one chapter.. the danger, the mystery.. the adventure... so very well writing and warming... thoroughly recommend...

Matt says

One of the first books I ever read. I loved it then and I love it now.

I had a great emotional attachment to the Arnold children and Jack, so this may colour my review.

This is a book about a charming Cornwall cove, interesting old houses, caves and secret passages, exciting derring-do involving kidnappers, an exotic foreign prince, and children messing about in boats. What more can a child want?

The name "Spiggy" is a funny one, in several senses of the word and it is tempting to suggest that it is a corruption-by-time of the respectable Italian name Respighi.

Priyam says

I absolutely LOVED this book. It used to be my most favorite book for a LONG time!

Sana says

I was a voracious reader as a child having entire series of "The Baby Sitter's Club", "Sweet Valley Kids", and "Sweet Valley High School", but nothing sparked my imagination like Enid Blyton. There were a few books of hers in circulation in the 1980's Pakistan, and I was probably the only girl (or maybe there was another) who knew about her. I would recommend her to anyone and everyone who liked reading and asked what I was reading. The way her short stories sparked my imagination impacted me more than I let on. They were parables like Disney animated movies in printed words and I would get lost in them for hours until my mother would call me for dinner. I would put Enid Blyton to the level of Roald Dahl and Dr. Suess. Check her out!!
