

The One Great Gnome

Discussion Guide



1. The book begins with Sarah waking up in her new home in rural Connecticut after moving from New York City. Have you ever moved to a new town? What was that experience like?
2. Sarah followed Vesper through the gnome-way to his world without hesitation. Do you think you would have done the same? Why or why not?
3. Sarah showed signs of bravery on many occasions throughout the book. What were some of those occasions? Do you think you would have been that brave?
4. Sarah chose to help Ralph when she found him trapped in a troll trap, even though trolls had been kidnapping gnomes. Why do you think she did that?
5. The Ogg tells Sarah he worked to keep the gnomes' world hidden from humans. What do you think humans would have done if they'd found the hidden world?
6. Both Mazy and Vesper tell Sarah she'd make a good gnome. What qualities of Sarah's make that true?
7. Why do you think The Ogg decides to return with Sarah to the human world?
8. Do you agree with The Ogg's choice to make Vesper the leader of the gnomes' world? Why or why not?
9. Some gnome-ways lead to good places, while others lead to bad ones — like the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. If you were a gnome and found a new gnome-way, where would you hope it would lead?



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Synopsis of the Book

In the spirit of *Alice in Wonderland* and the *Wizard of OZ*, this story introduces readers to the magical hidden, and mysterious, world of gnomes, elves and trolls. Sarah, an 11-year old, moves with her family from New York City to rural Hadley, Connecticut. She's eager to explore her new home and meet new friends but she never expected to befriend a dusty old garden gnome. Readers join Sarah as she is drawn into a secret world under our feet. Sarah uses her instincts to calm old rivalries and help the underworld elves, gnomes and more live more peacefully.



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