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The Tale of Mr Tod brings back Beatrix Potter's most popular heroes, Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny, in an adventure that also features two very disagreeable villains. Fortunately Tommy Brock the badger and Mr. Tod the fox dislike each other so much that they Tommy Brock kidnaps Benjamin's young family, Mr Tod unwittingly becomes the rabbits' ally.

The Tale of Mr Tod is number 14 in Beatrix Potter's series of 23 little books, the titles of which are as follows:

- 1 The Tale of Peter Rabbit
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Elouise says

This was a quick, fun read. I've never really picked up Beatrix Potter's books, but after reading this one I will defiantly be reading more from her. This is a great nighttime read, and finally recommend for most ages.

Alana says

Man, some of these stories are a bit darker than you remember them to be...

Paul McAvoy says

What a quick, fun read this was. Never really read any of these books before, but found it quaint, with quality writing and a sense of mischief.

Sara Jesus says

Até agora a minha historia favorita. Adoro Mr Tod, apesar de as raposas de ser muito manhosas e ser animais mais frios.

Mr Tod é um criatura mais seria que despreza os divertimentos de Peter e Benjamin

Elizabeth (Miss Eliza) says

This should be called Tommy Brock the Badger is a right old bastard, not "The Tale of Mr. Tod." Tommy kidnaps the baby rabbits of a friend who invited him in and plans on eating them for breakfast, all while squatting in other people's houses... I hope he died. Violently.

Kaethe says

This thrilling tale reprises the characters of Benjamin Bunny (now grown, and married to Flopsy) and Peter Rabbit. Mr. Bouncer has been left in charge of his grandchildren ("seven of them, all twins"*) when he foolishly invites in Tommy Brock for a smoke and a cuppa. Such vices lead to disaster, for Mr. Bouncer falls asleep and Brock kidnaps the babies with the evil intention of making a meal of them. Benjamin and Peter race to rescue the children, but the villain is ultimately foiled by his nemesis, Mr. Tod. It's very like the The Da Vinci Code for toddlers, except for being believable with an active hero. Favorite line: *the crockery was smashed to atoms.*

*An archaic meaning of "twins" perhaps?

Personal copy

Binibining `E (of The Ugly Writers) says

Actual Rating 2.5stars

Karen says

Ended up reading this out loud to my husband, to both of our great enjoyments. What a tale!

Rants and Bants says

This is one of the most serious children's stories I've ever read. Had some big words in it too ("apoplectic"). Mr. Tod sure is an evil one, and Tommy Brock is sly as well. I am glad the bunnies are okay. Good suspenseful adventurous book, with fantastic illustrations.

Alice says

My favorite Potter book! Though it seems to be her least popular.

Stuart says

There were many unpleasant things lying about that had much better have been buried

'...the moon rose over the wood. It shone upon the house, among the rocks and in at the kitchen window'

The moonbeams twinkled on the carving knife...and made a path of brightness across the dirty floor

'I will bury that nasty person in the hole in which he has dug'

'he threw the cup of scalding tea all over Mr Tod'

Decidedly there were lively doings in Mr Tod's kitchen

Calista says

A different style of story. This starts out being a story about the villain - the badger and the Fox. This is a long story and it was too long for the kids with not enough drawings. They were worried about the bunnies. It turns out to be a story about rescue and Benjamin and Peter are the heroes. I found it entertaining.

Andrea Ng says

I highly recommend it, it's such a great book, Children and adults will love these grand adventures. Flopsy let Mr Bouncer look after the kids. When Mr Bouncer was asleep, Tommy Brock stole the kids. When Benjamin and Flopsy came back they couldn't find the kids. Benjamin and Peter went searching for the kids they went to a house and saw Tod and Mr Bouncer. When they were fighting Peter and Benjamin immediately got the kids and ran home.

Anastasja Kostic says

Ovo je najbolja knjiga za decu koju sam ja ikad videla, prosto mi je žao što mi niko nije ovo rekao kad sam bila mala. Inače priča je o lisici, jazavcu i jako upavim zekama i jako je zanimljivo u smislu zanima vas šta će biti na kraju, ehm kada pročitate priču, ona ima isti efekat ako kad gledate neki video sa slatkim životinjama, nekako vam je slatko, ne umem da objasnim drugačije osim cuteness effect. Ps Ima jako dobar film o autorki. PPS Da li neko zna da li postoji kod nas neko izdanje?

Jason Goodwin says

The perfect study of gullibility, betrayal, opportunism and revenge, proving that there's no honour among thieves. Very dark - down to the unusual density of black and white illustrations.

Nina says

It's such a long story for Mrs Potter to write. It's very adventurous and exciting.

Alex says

I don't particularly enjoy this story. Partly because it is nasty, whereas most other books by Potter are about nice stories albeit with a truth about them. Mainly however is the sheer length of this story which is frankly excessive.

Nevertheless my boy seems to like this story along with all of the other Potter stories (known as "special books")

Kimberley doruyter says

disagreeable indeed!

Ashley Newell says

Beatrix Potter is surprisingly more violent than I remember.

Prashant says

Potter made it clear in the beginning "I have written a lot about well-behaved people. Now, for a change, I am going to make a story about two disagreeable people, called Tommy Brock and Mr. Tod."

The story is about the 2 foxes who despise each other. They are equally annoying and conniving. This time one of them got hold Benjamin Bunny's off-springs and intended to make a meal out of them.

Our Bunny heroes then have to go to the house of the fox to order save the kids.

The story is fine but the villains don't seem to be strong enough to awake those feelings in the heart !!
