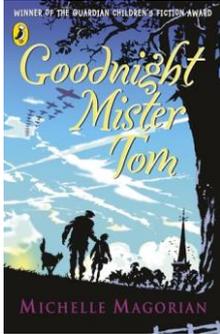


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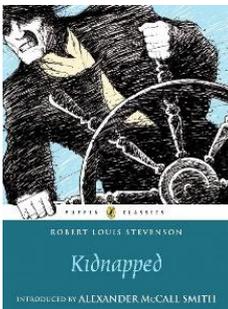
## **GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM** by Michele Magorian

During World War II, "Operation Pied Piper" evacuated over 1.5 million people, including roughly 600,000 children, from London and other UK cities starting in September 1939, to escape expected bombing raids. This novel is based around this time, focusing on the relationship that builds between Willie Beech, the evacuated boy, and Tom Oakley, the man who begrudgingly takes him in. It is a heartfelt story of 2 people from vastly different backgrounds coming together and forming a bond that allows them both to grow in the best of ways. This is one of my all-time favourite books. It melted my heart, made me cry but ultimately, left me with a sense of hope for these 2 special characters.



## **ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT** by Eich Maria Remarque

A class of boys, whipped up in the name of patriotism by their teacher, all rush off to enlist in the German army during World War 1. They soon discover that war is no grand adventure, rather an ugly struggle. Having to cope with the stress and fear from constant bombardment, the monotony between battles, the appalling conditions they are forced to live in and the uncomfortable sense of chance as to whether they will survive or not. This book aims to show war for what it is, rather than perpetuate the myth that it is noble. The story lingered in my mind long after I finished it, for me, the sign of a good book.



## **KIDNAPPED** by Robert Louis Stevenson

When David Balfour's father dies, David decides to track down an uncle to claim a family inheritance. His uncle has different ideas, arranging for David to be kidnapped and sold into slavery. What ensues is a rollicking good adventure, set against the backdrop of 19<sup>th</sup> century Scottish history, as David escapes capture and fights to return and claim what is rightfully his.

**“Some stories never grow old”**  
**Kathleen Robinson, Library Coordinator**