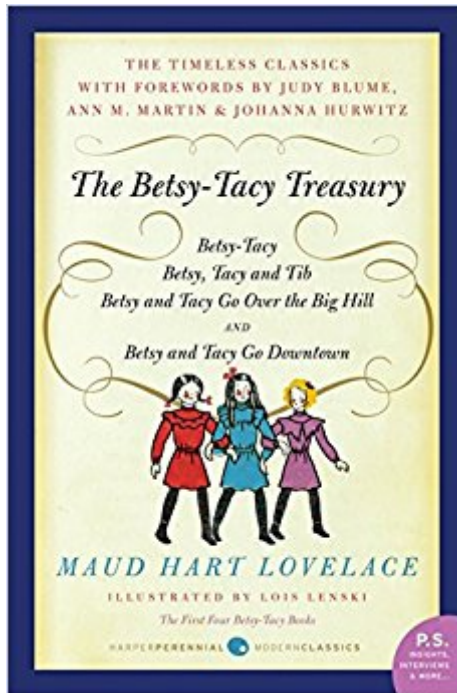




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The Betsy-Tacy Treasury: The First Four Betsy-Tacy Books



Synopsis

The first four books in the beloved Betsy-Tacy series are ready to delight a new generation of readers and to bring a grown-up generation of readers back to the engrossing stories of their youth. Following the childhoods of Betsy Ray and her friends in the late 1800s and early 1900s, this handsome anthology collects the original Betsy-Tacy as well as Betsy, Tacy and Tib, Betsy and Tacy Go Over the Big Hill, and Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown. Forewords by Judy Blume, Esther Hautzig, and Johanna Hurwitz, and illustrations by Lois Lenski, will make readers of all ages feel at home in the imaginative life of young Betsy Ray as she awakens to the challenges and triumphs of her home in quaint Mankato, Minnesota.

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Customer Reviews

“Some characters become your friends for life. That’s how it was for me with Betsy-Tacy.” (Judy Blume)
“I read every one of these Betsy-Tacy Tib books twice. I loved them as a child, as a young adult, and now, reading them with my daughter, as a mother. What a wonderful world it was!” (Bette Midler, actor and singer)
“Betsy-Tacy fans never die. They just reread.” (Anna Quindlen)
“Betsy was a high-school junior when automobiles were new...but her problems were much the same as her modern high-school sisters.” (Chicago Sun)
“Family loyalty and the devotion of friends to one another, which for me are the defining characteristics of the Betsy-Tacy stories.” (Esther Hautzig,

award-winning author, former Director of Children's Book Promotion for Thomas Y. Crowell Co., and former publicist for Betsy's Wedding in 1955) "I am fairly certain that my independent, high-spirited grandmother must have had a childhood similar to Betsy Ray. As I read..., I felt that I was having an unexpected and welcome peek into Granny's childhood—a gift to me from Maud Hart Lovelace. (Ann M. Martin, creator/author of The Baby-sitter's Club) "I now realize that one of the reasons I believed I could someday become a writer was because of Betsy's own infallible confidence that she would be a writer. (Mary Kay Andrews, New York Times Bestselling Author) "When I was growing up in the Bronx, I had lots of friends. But the girls I most enjoyed spending time with were Betsy, Tacy and Tib . . . three girls full of good ideas, adventures and fun. (Johanna Hurwitz, award-winning author of more than sixty popular books for young readers)

There are lots of children on Hill Street, but no little girls Betsy's age. So when a new family moves into the house across the street, Betsy hopes they will have a little girl she can play with. Sure enough, the moment Betsy meets Tacy, one of the most heartfelt friendships in all of children's literature begins. The Betsy-Tacy Treasury brings together the first four books in Maud Hart Lovelace's classic series: Betsy-Tacy; Betsy, Tacy and Tib; Betsy and Tacy Go Over the Big Hill; and Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown. Tracing the girls' lives from early childhood to the brink of adolescence, Lovelace illuminates their innocent, mischievous fun and their eye-opening adventures exploring the world around them—from the stories Betsy spins from their neighborhood bench and the sand stores they run in their backyards, to their first experiences at the library, the thrill of the theater, and the sight of their first automobile.

My mother read me these stories as a child, and now I'm reading them to my daughter. In my opinion these are the best books to read with your child, especially little girls. Though the terminology is sometimes dated and Google will be your friend looking up certain turn of the century items and expressions to answer all the questions that come along with them, it's something that will forever reside in your child's memory. It's a glimpse into life in such a different time, but the love and lessons remain the same. Sharing the adventures of the girls is such a special opportunity and makes memories that will last a lifetime. I can't recommend buying these enough. Plus, getting them all together at such a great price is just the icing on the cake!

LOVE Maud Hart Lovelace and the Betsy-Tacy series. It's so refreshing to go back to a time when

things were much simpler, naive and idyllic. I've been reading this series since I was a little girl and still read it now. Share it with your daughters early on before they discover tv, computers, tablets and cell phones!

I've loved these books since I was a child and would check them out from the Fresno library as often as I could. Now, as an adult, I tend to spend a weekend day every year re-reading them and find them more enjoyable with every read. Even though Betsy and Tacy grew up over 100 years ago, they are relatable and girls anyone would want to have had as their friends as a kid.

My friend who is an avid Maude Hart Lovelace fan told me about the Betsy-Tacy series. I bought this (anthology) for my granddaughter (about to be 9 yrs old) when she and her brother (age 12) arrived for a visit from Portland, OR. We used this book for bedtime reading each night of their visit. Surprisingly, our grandson really "got into" this book. Even though the pictures are illustrations, they loved looking at them to see how the girls "grew" with each new book. We only got through Book 1 and Book 2 and part of Book 3 before their return to Portland. Hopefully, they will finish Books 3 & 4 on their own. The antics of the girls is delightful, a few good "morals" lessons as well. When it got into their cutting their own hair - even I was intrigued and lots of laughter.

This is terrific reading for all girls - something interesting for all ages - I just introduced the series last year to my young nieces who are gobbling it up as I did when I met Maud Hart Lovelace and her Betsy-Tacy characters when I was around 10 years old. It is real-life history and great fun to meet all of the characters. I have the complete set of Betsy-Tacy books - they make me smile just to see them on my book shelf. . . I cherish them almost as much as I cherish two handwritten letters that I received as a child from Maud Hart Lovelace, the author, who took the time to write the answers to several questions I had about her writing and the family she shared with all of us who read her books. If you're interested in more information, you might want to contact "The Betsy-Tacy Society" in Mankato, MN.

My children LOVE Betsy-Tacy stories. We read a delightful chapter at bedtime. Perfect for little ones - no major conflicts, some mischief, some adventure, lots of good values. The girls (Betsy, Tacy and Tib) grow up throughout the chapters/books. We stopped when the girls were about 12 so our 4 and 6 year old had some time to catch up. It will not be an easy wait for our children but they are looking forward to it.

This is an amazing set to read with your daughter. I read them in the 70's and have now shared them with my daughter. If you like the Little House on the Prairie books, then I highly recommend these books. It follows 3 friends from the age of 5 in 1897 and follows them thru grade school. Then the next set of books goes all the way to college and marriage. They are based on the authors childhood and real life friends from Mankato, MN. Their homes are still there as well as the places you read about. Even the illustrations in the book of these places are true to life.

I've loved these stories since childhood and was fortunate to tour the historic sites of the actual little girls' homes in Minnesota. They are simply charming. I bought this set to donate to a charity of our women's club, whereby we place children's books in laundromats located in needy areas to help inspire healthy reading.

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