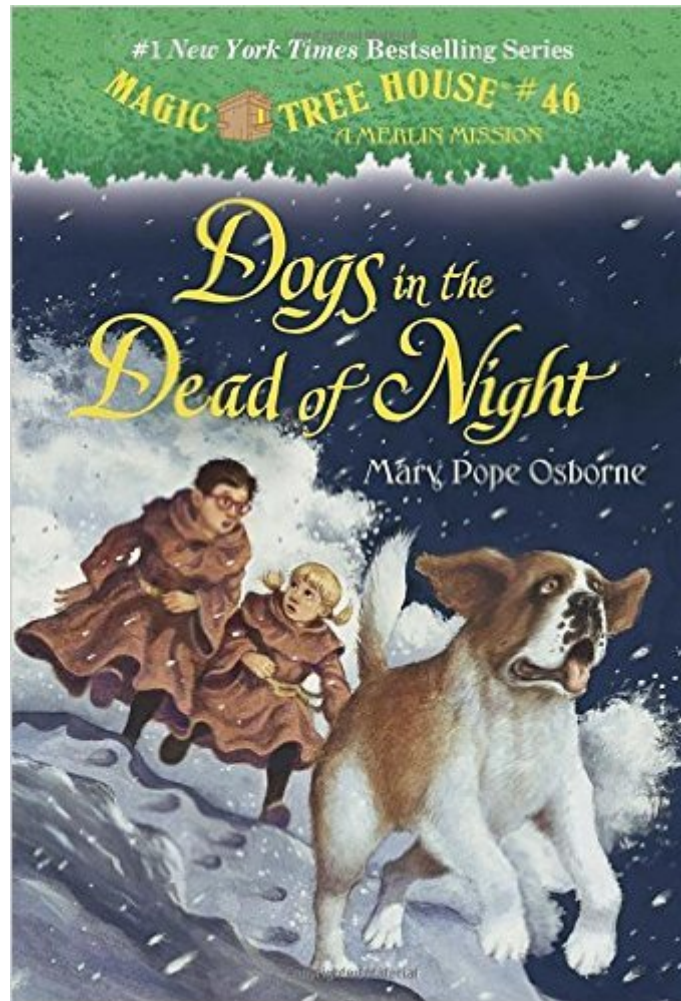


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# Dogs In The Dead Of Night (Magic Tree House (R) Merlin Mission)



## Synopsis

Â Â Â The fan-favorite chapter-book series whisks Jack and Annie back in time to the Swiss Alps in search of a rare flower. When they find a monastery where monks and St. Bernards live, Annie offers to train a young dog named Barry. Then Barry runs away, and Jack and Annie have a new task to find Barry! Will he lead them to the mysterious flower? Or into danger? Mary Pope Osborne brings together just the right combination of history, magic, and fast-paced adventure to satisfy kids, parents, teachers, and librarians all over the world with her New York Times bestselling series.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

I love the Magic tree house series a LOT! I'm in 6th grade and I've been reading these books for 2 and a half years. Jack and Annie go to the Swiss Alps for this adventure. Jack and Annie have to find four magic items to break the spell that Teddy has accidentally put on Penny (the penguin). So far they have found 1 item. Every time I hear or see that a new book is coming I can't wait. I count down until the day comes and then (depends on what month it is) I'll either ask for it for Christmas or for my B-day and if I don't get it for either of those times I'll save my money and buy it myself. My favorites would have to be: Hide Tide in Hawaii; Christmas in Camelot; and Haunted Castle on

Hallow's Eve.

My son just loves this Magic Treehouse Series! He just recently turned 8 and is a voracious reader heading off to 3rd grade...he can read these in less than an hour. Gives them great confidence reading a chapter book and has a TON of books in the series, so there is a lot of different subjects sure to interest almost any reader. I love that many are historically based, so they are learning as they are having fun reading. I imagine my 5-year old kindergartner, who is just now getting into chapter books, could also make it through these quite easily. They have both a male and female main character, so I think they capture the interest of boys and girls alike. We have bought several through the Scholastic Reading Club (he thinks he needs the whole set but I'm not sure we need almost 100 of these in our house) but also check them out through the library. I highly recommend these for elementary kids!

Jack and Annie must go on another Merlin Mission. Penny, the abandoned penguin which they saved on a previous mission and gave to Merlin as a present, has accidentally been turned into a stone statue by their young sorcerer friend Teddy, and they need to find four things to break the spell. They have just returned from finding the first one, an emerald rose from Mogul India. Now they must find a white and yellow flower and live its meaning for an hour. But the Magic Tree House takes them to the Swiss Alps around 1800 in the middle of winter. It's freezing cold outside, and the ground is covered with snow. How will they find a flower in those conditions? And what will happen when they are caught in an avalanche? There is a lot of interesting information woven into this story. Budding botanists will be pleased to know that Laurent Murith, abbot at the Monastery of St. Bernard in 1800, was a great naturalist who collected many specimens of flowers for the monastery library. Students of history will enjoy travelling with First Consul Napoleon Bonaparte from France through the Alps to Italy with 60,000 soldiers in 1800. And, of course, dog lovers will delight in getting to know the first Barry, the St. Bernard dog who saved more than forty lives between 1800 and 1812. The only somewhat negative note is that Jack and Annie use a lot of common euphemisms, such as "gee" and "heck." Our boys long ago outgrew the reading level of these books, but my wife has continued to purchase each one as it comes out because she likes to read them. And I guess that I do too.

Great summer reading book for my 8 year old. He enjoyed this book and was able to understand it clearly without much help. He wants me to order additional Magic Tree House books because he

likes them so much now!

Buy it, you'll like it. My student loved this book. Mary Pope Osborne does a fantastic job of bringing her characters to life! The plots have little twists that are really captivating. This was extremely heart warming. I nearly cried.

If you know a child who does not enjoy reading, this book might be the page-turner that hooks them on reading. The story is simple, fast-paced, and interesting. It is historic fiction, telling the story of the hospice dogs who evolved into the Saint Bernard breed we know today. I also ordered the companion non-fiction book, Dog Heroes, from the same series, and recommend that they be read together.

This is the perfect combination of adventure, learning, and positive influence on your little one. Anything that gets them looking forward to bedtime reading and then day time reading is a wonderful story book.

This book series is worth ten stars. I read these to my kindergarten class and the kids love them. The stories are well written, educational, and keep the children enthralled. In addition, the books invoke the children's imaginations and usually lead them to create their own Jack and Annie adventures.

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