My Favourite Book

When my mum first handed me the book 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian in Deansgrange Library 2 years ago, I wasn't at all sure about it. The blurb talked about the world war and I didn't think that was what I was looking for as my holiday read for the next two weeks in France. Little did I know that even though I was sitting on a beach for fourteen days I was transported back to the village of little Weirwold in England in 1940 where I was introduced to the most wonderful characters I have ever met in a story.

Mister Tom was the name of the old man who took little William into his home. When I first read about the character of Mister Tom, I really didn't think he would be a good person to look after William because he seemed grouchy, harsh and definitely someone I would not like to stay with! As the story went on mister Tom grew into a caring, loving and thoughtful foster dad. It was not only me who disliked Mister Tom but the shy, scared and anxious William thought he was in for a tough time staying with him but then he began to trust Mister Tom and didn't want to leave him. It was fascinating to watch this old grumpy man from the beginning become one of my favourite characters.

Having written this tonight, I am now tempted to revisit little Weirwold for the fourth time. So if you're looking for something fantastic to pack in your suitcase, take out that extra bikini and make some room for Mister tom. Goodnight!

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