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# Betsy-Tacy



## Synopsis

Best Friends Forever 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, they do—a little girl named Tacy. And from the moment they meet at Betsy's fifth birthday party, Betsy and Tacy become such good friends that everyone starts to think of them as one person—Betsy-Tacy. Betsy and Tacy have lots of fun together. They make a playhouse from a piano box, have a sand store, and dress up and go calling. And one day, they come home to a wonderful surprise—a new friend named Tib. Ever since their first publication in the 1940's, the Betsy-Tacy stories have been loved by each generation of young readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

"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

Maud Hart Lovelace (1892-1980) based her Betsy-Tacy series on her own childhood. Her series still

boasts legions of fans, many of whom are members of the Betsy-Tacy Society, a national organization based in Mankato, Minnesota. In addition to illustrating the first four Betsy-Tacy books, Lois Lenski (1893-1974) was the 1946 Newberry Medal winning author of Strawberry Girl.

Betsy-Tacy is the first book in the beloved and captivating childhood series by Maud Hart Lovelace. Betsy and Tacy meet as five year olds and become friends for life. In book two of the series, Betsy-Tacy and Tib the girls are joined by a third friend and the trio share an enchanted girlhood in turn of the century, small town Minnesota.

I read this book as a child growing up in Minnesota and remembered it with great fondness. When a young friend from another country now living in Minneapolis had a baby girl I reread the book and wanted to send it to her so her child would understand something about the life and history of other little girls who had preceded her. Although somewhat outdated it still speaks to the concerns of little girls and the needs and hopes they have in their friendships. Shaped by their families their place in this world also plays a strong role in creating and fostering their characteristics and friendship. It will take a bright and curious child to read and love this book, but she will be rewarded a sense of rootedness and belonging. SETM

Maud Hart Lovelace was a friend of my grandmother (my older sister was named in her honor) so when I came across this book on Kindle, I didn't hesitate to buy it. It is just as good to my adult self as it was to me as a child. Those books of my childhood are long gone, alas, so I am glad to be able to enjoy them again courtesy of .

My eight year old loves this series, and is on book 9. These were perfect for her to read to herself after we read Anne of Green Gables to her this past month. She is a pretty advanced reader so I'm not sure the age they're directed at but she devours them. Thank God for the library now, but this is the one that kicked it off.

I love, love, love this book and have given it to several young children for birthday presents. In our house we have read the whole series. This book is a simple, sweet, innocent story about friends. It is entertaining to read even for me but I don't have to leave anything out or translate words or concepts for my children. It's hard to find a book like this!

Betsy Ray and Tacy Kelly meet each other at Betsy's 5th birthday party, and bond for life. This is the first book of 10 which are based on the real-life, (circa 1900) adventures of the author. The stories ring true and are very entertaining while covering death, siblings, religion and the consequences of misadventure. I've loved them since I was a little girl when they were first published. Vocabulary increases as the girls get older.

Given as a gift for a rising third grader who is a reluctant reader. She is reading it with attention and is able to talk to me about what is happening. That's a big step forward. Am hoping interest increases to result her finding more time to read. Also delighted to know there are sequels. A good choice...

This is the first book in a wonderful series. I read them when I was young and still love them. My daughter never got into them much because she doesn't like much that is old fashioned. But if you love books set in a time gone by, you definitely need to check this series out for your daughter, granddaughter, niece, or even for some easy, comfort reading for yourself.

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