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When Ibby is sent to stay with her aunt, she discovers her two troublesome boy cousins, Francis & Alex, playing with an old box of magic tricks they found in the attic. Ibby is sure that magic isn't real - until she sees Francis sitting at the bottom of the biscuit tin, magically miniaturized by Alex. After that, nothing is what it seems.

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Katy Noyes says

Good for the age group, but E. Nesbit did the same thing better with Five Children and It.
Nice idea, but did prefer Fish in Room 11.

Tirnovan Emi says

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Patricia Kaniasty says

Cute story. Fun adventure for those who love a good magic act. Nice quick read too.

Sarah Barrington says

This book is about a young girl called Ibby, who has gone to stay with her aunt and two cousins, Alex and Francis, for a couple of days. The children discover an old magic set in the attic, and immediately decide to try it out. This has disastrous consequences, resulting in Alex trying out levitation and ending up on the roof of a church, Francis disappearing and spending the night on a ferris wheel, and Alex trying out an aging spell that doesn't go to plan, amongst other things. We are told that the children's uncle Godfrey had mysteriously vanished 5 years earlier during a magic trick, and so the children take it upon themselves to find out what happened, and hopefully bring him back.

Although I wasn't familiar with the author, Heather Dyer, this book was very enjoyable and written in a way that would make it easy for children to read and follow along with. The storyline is very fast-moving and it jumps into the action right away, when Francis has shrunk himself and become 'The Boy In The Biscuit Tin'. The characters are very relatable, Ibby in particular, as you can really understand her reluctance to get involved with the magic but feeling that she has to anyway.

I would recommend this book to children aged around 8 years and older, as although the storyline is very exciting, and would be interesting to younger children, the words used may be a bit too advanced. Although it wasn't the most descriptive story, it is a really fun book that children would love, with funny pictures drawn in it too. I would definitely use it in the classroom, as it is very imaginative and fast-paced, ensuring that children won't get bored whilst reading it.

Ashley says

I really enjoyed the story as it was fast paced and had lots of magic in it! A child called Ibby goes to stay

with her aunt and two cousins which she is very apprehensive about she then finds the boys messing around with an old magic box which later they discover actually enables them to do real magic! Throughout the chapters the boys get themselves wrapped up in this magic and all the chaos it brings with it. Ibbie gets taken along on the ride and although she seems mature something intrigues her... it is a book which makes you want to get to the end as there is a twist. I like how it brings a family together and how it could potential bring imagination to a child and they may see that nothing is unreachable and that they should aspire. I would use this book with ks2 in order to promote use of imagination in their writing and even a bit of acting/role play. Encourage them to talk about their hobbies and interests as well. Exciting from beginning to end!
