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Why did Miss Twiggley live in a tree? Why did she send her dog, Puss, out to do the shopping? Why did she always run away and hide when people came to visit? And it was rumored that Miss Twiggley had even more peculiar habits...

Old Miss Twiggley, Was friendly with bears. "They shed on the sofa," she said, "But who cares?"

And was it true, as the mayor's wife had heard, that she actually slept in her hat? "Simply disgraceful " they said. But when a hurricane hits the town and the water rises, everyone is grateful to Miss Twiggley and her tree. Even better, Miss Twiggley herself learns a very important lesson, with a warm and happy ending.

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Leslie says

Another classic children's book I never read as a child. A lovely story about shy Miss Twiggley who lives in a tree. Her neighbors don't quite understand her until they need Miss Twiggley's help.

Amber says

I can still hear my mom in my head, reading this to me from the time I was knee-high to a grasshopper. Of all the things my parents read to me, I think this one possibly had the greatest positive impact. I know it sounds silly to say that, it's just a picture book right? But it taught me that being different didn't have to be bad, and that minds can be changed. It taught me that it was okay to be whoever I was. Sadly, my mother will not let me steal her copy and I am a broke college student who can't afford to buy her own. But I have a lot of this story stored in my memory, in my mother's voice.

Kathryn says

I just adored this vintage book with classic values. The illustrations were fun and the story a complete delight.

Andrea says

Wonderful book for young children! Fun and lyrical and good values.

Suzanne Moore says

This was one of my favorite books as a child. My mother enrolled us in a children's book club that mailed us a new book every month, and this was one of the books I received as a member. I always thought it would be neat to live in a tree house and ever since reading this book Weeping Willow trees have been my favorite. Anyway, I was reminded of this book when talking to Megan about Earth Day. She was working on a craft idea for the children at our library. It also happened to be a real rainy day so naturally I thought of this book. In the story, Miss Twiggley is a community loner who lives a shy and quite life in her tree house with her dog. She is so shy she sends the dog, whose name happens to be Puss out for her groceries (love the art ... Puss is making it home, through city streets, with his arms loaded down with grocery bags). The folks in town, especially the mayor's wife wonder about Miss Twiggley (cool name for someone who live in a tree!)and consider her stuck-up, an odd one. Well when the town is flooded by a heavy rainstorm, everyone seeks refuge in the tree-house. It looked like a FUN party ... with tea, checkers, and there was even a banjo player amongst the guests. In the end Miss Twiggley overcame her shyness and the townsfolk realized she was pretty cool to hang out with. Beautiful and expressive illustrations!

Elizabeth says

Long is the list of books that I have loved. Long is the list of books that have captured me. But on the list of books that have changed my life there is only one. Miss Twiggley taught me to be brave, and kind, and to give others a chance (even if they are mean and scary). And that the best of friends can be found in the strangest of places. She taught me life lessons that I use daily. And as I read Miss Twiggley's Tree to my children i pray that they learn from her all that I did. I'm not ashamed to say that I slept in my hat.

Caren says

I happened upon this book while shelving and fell in love with it. Miss Twiggley is an eccentric woman who lives in a tree house with her dog, Puss, and prefers the company of bears to the gossipy townfolk. When a hurricane with heavy rains floods the town, they all end up in Mrs. Twiggley's tree house and learn a new respect for her different lifestyle. Told in rhyme, it is a lovely story about accepting each other for who we are and coming together in time of need. I loved the detailed illustrations and looked up further information about the author/illustrator. She only wrote two books for children, but did a lot of illustrations for books, magazines and advertisements from tne Depression through the 1960s. She and her husband often worked as a team doing illustrations. This book was originally published in 1966, but was reissued in 2002. Here is a good link for more information about the author: <http://www.americanartarchives.com/fo...>

Lisa Vegan says

This story and its pictures are delightful and charming and funny and sweet. It has a fabulous message, but it doesn't overwhelm the very entertaining story.

This is one I'd have read over and over and over when I was a kid, or asked that it be repeatedly read to me. Though it was first published over 45 years ago, I just recently learned of it, thanks to friends here at Goodreads.

I adore the detailed and colorful illustrations.

The story rhyme is really engaging. A woman and her dog are by choice isolated, a bit fearful and a bit feared, find a way to belong, and help. I love the message that (view spoiler) This book has a great story to use to talk about differences and about learning to empathize with others. I love the dog's name; that got me smiling right away. The bears are a nice touch.

I also really appreciate that this edition has 2 pages at the end where the author-co-illustrator talk about how this book was created, where the ideas came from, and some of the real people and places that inspired it.

Luisa Knight says

What could be more fun than living in a tree house! I just loved the illustrations and Miss Twiggley and the Major's wife learn some good life lessons.

Ages: 4 - 8

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Kathryn says

Oh, what a delight!!! Vintage charm of the highest quality!

"Funny Miss Twiggley
Lived in a tree
With a dog named Puss
And a color TV.

She did what she liked,
And she liked what she did,
But when company came
Miss Twiggley hid."

Consequently, many of the townsfolk think she is odd. And the wife of the mayor even thinks there ought to be a law against people living in trees.

But when a great storm comes and floods the town, Miss Twiggley's is the only house above water. As Miss Twiggley learns, "When emergencies come, you don't think about *you*" -- perhaps the storm will lead her to forget her shyness, and for the townsfolk to see what a nice neighbor Miss Twiggley truly is.

Dorothea Fox, a prolific illustrator whose artwork appeared in magazines, advertisements and Hallmark cards, wrote this story in the mid-1960s. It's one of those picture book treasures that never goes out of style; I love the nostalgic charm of the illustrations, but I think even today's children would love the treehouse idea and the fun rhyming style. Mrs. Fox said, "Writing this book and working hand in hand with my husband, Chuck, on the illustrations, was the most fun I ever had." And reading this book was the most fun I've had with a picture book in quite some time :-)

Dolly says

This is a whimsical tale about an eccentric woman who lives in a tree with her dog. She is shy around people, but not bears. The narrative is rhyming and has a lyrical, Dr. Seuss-like rhythm to it. The illustrations are quite humorous and nicely detailed.

Overall, I thought this was an entertaining tale that is fun to read aloud. I didn't realize that the book was first published before I was even born, and I think it really has a timeless quality. We really enjoyed reading this book together.

Louise says

My favorite children's book EVER. I bought myself a new copy, since all our kids books went to my brother's kids. Purple House Press, bless them, put out an anniversary copy.

Suzanne Burkhart says

This has been a favorite of mine since I was little. To this day I can recite the first three pages of the story.

Sincerae says

Miss Twiggley is the eccentric outcast of town. The citizens are don't quite feel comfortable about this woman who lives in a tree and has only animals for friends. The town's fat cats, especially the mayor's wife, feel Miss Twiggley is a weirdo, nuisance, and that her tree is in the way.

Miss Twiggley is quite harmless and shy, however. When a hurricane strikes she is forced to come out of her shell and become a hero to save the lives of citizens who previously scorned her.

I loved this book when I was child. It really had great lessons about how people often don't take the time to get to know others and misjudge them and how sometimes those we overlook or look down on can become the best friends in times of need.

Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

Miss Twiggley is shy and mostly spends her time with her bear and dog friends in the comfort of her home...which is built in a tree. The townsfolk are not to happy about Miss Twiggley's tree until some unfortunate weather gives them a new perspective. The line and water-colored illustrations are detailed and pair nicely with the rhyming verses of the story.

Miss Twiggley and the townsfolk learn lessons that are valuable to children. great book.
