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## Review of *The Night Gardener* by Terry & Eric Fan

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*The Night Gardener*

Fan, Terry & Eric Fan

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This book tells the story of a young orphan who looks out the window to find a tree was cut into the shape of an owl overnight. Each morning a new tree was transformed into a new animal. After a few days, the boy met the man who was trimming the trees and helped him. The dreary neighborhood transformed into a bright place, and the people enjoyed the sculptures and each other's company. The text is minimal for the story being told, but the beautiful and detailed pictures explain what the text leaves out. This story could be used to show how art, talents, and random acts of kindness can change people's lives, even if it is to add a moment of joy to an ordinary day. Recommended

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