## **A Little Princess**

# Frances Hodgson Burnett

#### **Characters:**

<u>Sara Crew</u>- The main character. Seven years old when the story began. A wealthy girl at the beginning of the story. Went to boarding school where she was treated like royalty. Thought that she lost everything when her father's diamond mines went under. Made friends with a man from India next door to the school. Got all her money back at the end of the story because the diamond mines did actually have diamonds in them. Friend to Ermengarde, Lottie, and Becky.

<u>Captain Crew</u>- A man who deeply loved his daughter. A very wealthy man from India. Thought he lost everything in the diamond mines that he had invested in and died. <u>Miss Minchin</u>- The cruel headmistress at the Select Seminary for Young Ladies. Treated Sara like a princess until her father died and lost all of his money, than she moved Sara to the attic.

Miss Amelia - Miss Minchin's stupid sister.

<u>Lavinia Herbert</u>- The oldest girl at the school. She was thirteen years old. Was the head of the school until Sara came. Friends with Jessie.

Mariette- Sara's French maid at school.

Jessie- Stuck up friend of Lavinia.

<u>Monsieur Dufarge</u>- The French teacher at Miss Minchin's school. Instructed to teach Sara, but said that there was nothing else that he could teach her after he heard her speak perfect French to him.

Ermengarde St. John- Sara's chubby, dull friend who had trouble learning her lessons. Was in awe with Sara when she first saw her. Was one of the only people Sara yelled at. Becky- The servant that is treated like a slave. Befriends Sara and shares a wall with her when Sara looses all of her money. Serves for Sara after Sara gets all of her money back. Lottie Legh- A four year old child whose mother died when she was born. She Always used that to her advantage.

Melchisedec- Sara's pet rat in the attic.

Ram Dass The Indian gentleman that lived nex door to the seminary. Sara's father's friend's servant.

<u>Tom Carrisford</u>- Sara's father's friend that convinced him to go into the diamond mines. He found Sara and rescued her from Miss Minchin's horrid Seminary School. Ived next door to Sara.

Anne- The beggar girl that Sara gave five of her six buns to.

Emily- Sara's very lifelike doll.

### **Questions:**

- 1. How old was Sara in the beginning of the story? Seven
- 2. Did Sara believe that she was beautiful? No
- 3. What color hair did Sara have? Black
- 4. How old was Lavinia in the beginning of the story? Nearly thirteen

- 5. What kind of maid does Sara have? A French maid
- 6. What language does Sara prove that she is fluent in, in the beginning of the book?
  French
- 7. What is Ermengarde's last name? St. John
- 8. What family member was Ermengarde like? Aunt Eliza
- 9. What, besides a princess, does Sara often compare herself to? A soldier
- 10. What is the name of Miss Minchin's sister? Amelia
- 11. What kind of skin does Sara have in her room? A tiger skin
- 12. Who killed the tiger that Sara has in her room? Her Papa
- 13. What is the name of the scullery maid? Becky
- 14. Who did Sara see asleep in her room? Becky
- 15. Who did Lavinia catch listening to one of Sara's stories? Becky
- 16. What was Captain Crew investing in? Diamond mines
- 17. Who followed Sara along like a dog? Lottie
- 18. What did Sara's papa call her? His little missus
- 19. Who did Sara want to stay at her party? Becky
- 20. What did Miss Minchin do at the beginning of Sara's party? Give a speech
- 21. What two of Sara's accomplishments did Miss Minchin say were a credit to the seminary? Her French and her dancing
- 22. How many wives did Henry the Eighth have? Six
- 23. Who was one of the only people that Sara yelled at? Ermengarde
- 24. What letter did Becky always drop while speaking? Her H's
- 25. Who was Lottie's adopted mother? Sara
- 26. What animal did Sara make friends with in the attic? A rat
- 27. What do two knocks from Becky mean in the attic? Are you their
- 28. What family did Sara like? The Large Family
- 29. What did a boy from the large family give to Sara/ A sixpence
- 30. Where did the man next door to the attic get his furnature? India
- 31. What animal did the Indian Gentleman have? A monkey
- 32. What did Sara refuse to beg Miss Minchin's pardon for? Thinking
- 33. What did Sara say she was thinking about when Miss Minchin boxed her ears? What would happen if Miss Minchin found out that she really was a princess
- 34. Where did the Indian Gentleman think that Sara was? In a boarding school in Frace
- 35. Did Captain Crew ever tell his friend where Sara went to school? No
- 36. What does Sara help Lottie do? Her sums
- 37. What kind of eyes did Sara say that she had heard? Cats eyes
- 38. Who stole things and blamed Becky? The Cook
- 39. Who told Miss Minchin what Sara, Becky, and Ermengarde were doing in the attic? Lavinia
- 40. What did the magic leave on the table for Sara? A tea set with tea, sandwiches and muffins
- 41. What punishment did Sara get for having Ermengarde visit her with food? No breakfast or supper
- 42. What did the letters addressed to Sara say that the magic left her? To the Little Girl in the Right Hand Attic

- 43. What was in the packages that Sara received from the magic? Clothes
- 44. How did the Indian Gentleman find Sara? His monkey climbed into Sara's room and Sara was bringing him back
- 45. What did the father of the large family say to Miss Minchin that was very ironic? There are not many princesses, Miss Minchin, that are richer than your little charity pupil, Sara Crew will be.
- 46. Who brought all of the nice things into the attic? Ram Dass
- 47. What was the name of Sara's new dog? Boris
- 48. Who would give the buns to the hungry children at the end of the story? Anne

## In What Book...

Was a girl wonderful at telling stories? Did a doll have as many clothes as its owner? Does a poor girl have dinner served to her? Is a girl born in India? Does a girl receive packages as if by magic?