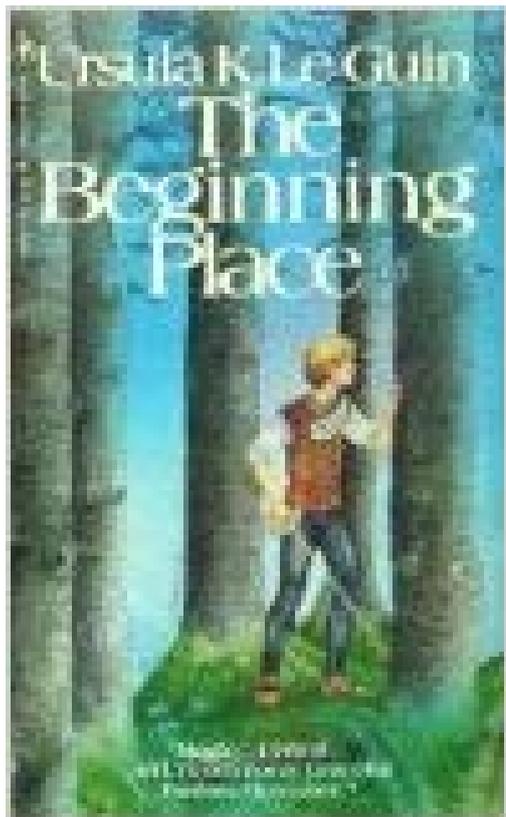


The Beginning Place *by* Ursula K. Le Guin



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Fleeing from the monotony of his life, Hugh Rogers finds his way to "the beginning place"--a gateway to Tembrea-brezi, an idyllic, unchanging world of eternal twilight. Irena Pannis was thirteen when she first found the beginning place. Now, seven years later, she has grown to know and love the gentle inhabitants of Tembrea-brezi, or Mountaintown, and she sees Hugh as a trespasser. But then a monstrous shadow threatens to destroy Mountaintown, and Hugh and Irena join forces to seek it out. Along the way, they begin to fall in love. Are they on their way to a new beginning...or a fateful end?



Reviews of the *The Beginning Place* *by* Ursula K. Le Guin

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This is my favorite book and has been since high school. Le Guin's writing is lyrical and rich with symbolism. The characters feel out of place in their own world and yet find themselves in a new world...and then find each other. This book speaks to the part of me that is still sixteen. I wish I could write like this but even though I can't, Le Guin's writing has most definitely informed and shaped my own. Thank you, Ms. Le Guin for a book which stands the test of time. I'm 43 now but I still love this book as much as I did when I first found it on my school library shelf nearly thirty years

ago.

Scream_ I LOVE YOU

I read this originally decades ago, just bought it for my kindle. It has held up over the years as a well written and entertaining read. The main characters are flawed, brave and human. The two worlds are full of rich detail, with characters and architecture all their own. The story of how the main characters grow and mature through an act of selflessness is moving and exciting.

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It is the writing that sets this somewhat typical fantasy novel apart from a number of novels with a similar theme. There are a few boy-girl face-their-destiny type situations that would make this story insufferable if it were not for the fact the Ursula LeGuin can deftly sidestep them or handle them with subtlety, as she sees fit. Good characterization and believable emotional responses also help elevate the book.

Ricep

This is my favorite Ursula LeGuin book. Although it is considered a young adult book, I've read it several times much later in life and have always found it compelling and comforting. We all need to connect to the places that LaGuin describes in her books--especially the place in the deep woods beyond the stream that she describes here.

Thundershaper

Every blessed thing LeGuin writes is wonderful. Read it all.

caster

This is a sentimental book for me. It is a little old fashioned for most of today's young readers.

Lcena

Read this as a teenager, did a report, got an A. I never forgot how much I loved this book! I just bought it for my daughter for Christmas 30 years later and she LOVES it! Two thumbs up from these ladies!

I first read this 20 or more years ago. It remains as great a read now as it was then, although it was more personally relevant when I was younger. Ursula K. Le Guin is one of the truly great fantasy writers, and this story of young people coming to grips with life and themselves is one of her best.

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