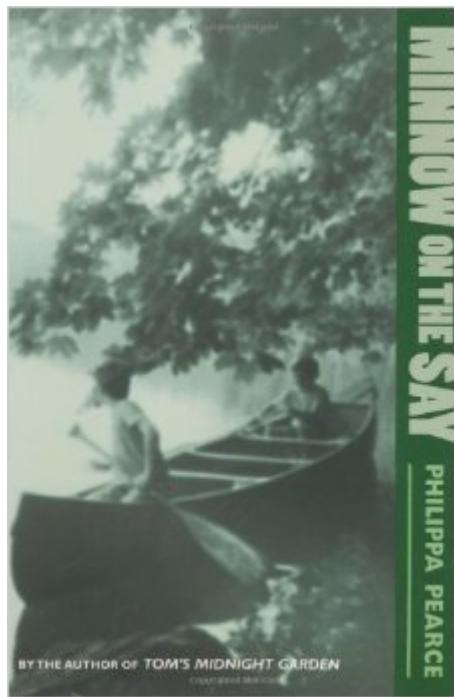


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# Minnow On The Say



## **Synopsis**

David can't believe his luck when a worn wooden canoe mysteriously appears on the banks of the River Say behind his house. With summer stretching endlessly before him, it seems too good to be true. Soon there is another boy--Adam, the Minnow's rightful owner. Adam wants his boat back...but something else, too: a trustworthy friend to help him find the long lost ancestral jewels that could save his family from financial disaster! Can two boys find what history has kept an untouchable secret for hundreds of years? Or will they lose the race against time and against another treasure seeker lurking at the river's edge.

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This old-fashioned story of buried treasure sneaks into your heart with its winning ways. David finds a canoe on the river and when he locates the owner, he also finds a true friend in Adam. Adam's poverty is made more agonizing for the family by the legend of buried treasure handed down since Tudor days. With one clue that eventually leads them to another, this story has suspense, appealing characters, a fine plot and a very believable bad guy haunting the action. Pearce, well-known for her classic story, *Tom's Midnight Garden*, originally published this in 1955- but the quality of the writing and story well justify this reissue.

*Minnow on the Say* is enchanting, comforting, quirky, and uncommonly beautiful. It's about children and completely for children, but its characters are as complex as any created for adults. The moment where Adam falls from the bridge will chill you and the surreal ending will delight you. Make

sure you look for Edward Ardizzone's glowing illustrations, and read Pearce's other wonderful books Tom's Midnight Garden and A Dog So Small for another glimpse of David and Adam and the rich setting of the book.

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