

The Day Boy and the Night Girl By George MacDonald **The day boy and the night girl summary** Much like in Plato's allegory Nycteris comes out of her dark seclusion and attempts to understand the world she discovers but only does so with the limited knowledge she was able to comprehend from her dungeon. **The day boy and the night girl summary** After reading the first chapter you know the arc of every one to follow but it is such a delight to simply allow yourself to get whisked away and lost in MacDonald's mellifluous voice. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Simple plot overview: a wicked(ish) witch about whom MacDonald has some delightful opinions manages to acquire a boy to be raised only in light never seeing the night and a girl to be raised only in the darkness (underground) never seeing day. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Obviously they each are everything lovely and pure meet and fall in love et cetera res bonus (minus a prophecy but then it's a short book: when I was three quarters of the way through I was convinced that it must be a part of a series). **The day boy and the night girl summary** The witch raises them according to her designs and so the girl Nycteris grew up in the dark and can't live in the sunlight and the boy Photogen grew up in the light and gets sick in the night. **The day boy and the night girl summary** The plot is rather straightforward but lovely and McDonald has a penchant for describing everyday things known as they'd be felt by a captive just meeting them for the first time. **The day boy and the night girl summary** The story doesn't seem to have been written with a children's audience in mind but it's clean and suitable for them as well and I'd recommend an illustrated version of this story if you want to read this to the little ones. **The day boy and the night girl summary** It has many traditional elements - a witch an innocent persecuted girl a handsome brave young man and a curse - that reveal unusual depths as the tale unfolds resulting in an extremely engaging story. **The day boy and the night girl summary** The Day Boy and the Night Girl One of my brightest memories from primary school is a teacher squinting at the title of the book I'm reading and remarking I shouldn't read The Prince and the Pauper at such a young age at which I raise my head and say in a matter-of-fact voice: This isn't The Prince and the Pauper it's The Princess and the Goblin! While I can't say that The Princess and the Goblin got me into fantasy - the honor is all The Neverending Story's - it was one of the first books I ever read of this genre and one I love with all my heart. **The day boy and the night girl summary** It's amazing how despite the time passed between that experience and this one a couple of pages are all it takes to make me feel like a curious child again swept away in a world she never wants to leave. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Surprising fact: I didn't know The Day Boy and the Night Girl was by George MacDonald until 50% in the story so even I can't say I'm biased! MacDonald has a way of weaving a very fine net around me so by the time I've noticed it I'm too wrapped up in the story to want to break free. **The day boy and the night girl summary** What's a prose-loving girl to do? I loved the protagonists but what really got to me were not simply their actions or characters but that their very way of thinking felt so indigenous. **The day boy and the night girl summary** And came crashing into me with unquestionable logic: She knew nothing of the water but what she drank and what she bathed in; and as the moon shone on the dark swift stream singing lustily as it flowed she did not doubt the river was alive a swift rushing serpent of life going - out? - whither? And then she wondered if what was brought into her rooms had been killed that she might drink it and have her bath in it. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Because there's an aspect in every story that matters so much more than the breath-taking world building or the imaginative storyline; it's that in its very core every story is full of truths. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Naturally I have been meaning to read this for many years but it got bumped to the top of my to-read list because a friend is about to release a retelling! Please feast your eyes upon this GORGEOUS THING: ackpeth hurgleblarg 128 Re-read February 20 2018 I still love this one so much! ^_^ Old mini review: Okay so I ADORE this story. **The day boy and the night girl summary** It's an original fairytale sort of story about this evil lady who raised this boy to be awake in the daytime and fear the night and this girl to be awake at night and fear the day and how they end up meeting and having to guide each other through the day or night whichever is their element and not the other's and... I don't know it's just AWESOME and I love it. **The day boy and the night girl summary** 128 I was reminded almost immediately

the parallel between Plato's Allegory of the Cave and this story in particular the character Nycteris I know hardly any other writer who seems to be closer or more continually close to the Spirit of Christ Himself and calling him his Master. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Two women a beautiful noblewoman named Aurora from the king's court and a blind widowed woman named Vesper are the unwitting guests of Watho a witch who aspires to know everything. **The day boy and the night girl summary** She allows Aurora to live in the sunlight and have free range of the castle while she hides away the blind woman in the tombs believing her to know no difference given her condition. **The day boy and the night girl summary** When Photogen decides that he has the courage to face the night after learning about it he's seized with a fear he's never known only helped through his fear by Nycteris who is ignorant of the sunlight and finds no fear in the dark. **The day boy and the night girl summary** However unlike Photogen she is more open to experience despite her naivety and quickly comes to realize that despite her fear of the sun both the light and the dark live together to form a harmony. **The day boy and the night girl summary** This harmony is something that both the boy and the girl find in each other as they learn to balance this realization that there is more to their lives than the small world Watho has condemned to them for her personal knowledge. **The day boy and the night girl summary** I will admit the story seems to give more weight to the boy's story but this could be to show how naive he truly is and how Nycteris offsets that by being compassionate. **The day boy and the night girl summary** He was educated at Aberdeen University and after a short and stormy career as a minister at Arundel where his unorthodox views led to his dismissal he turned to fiction as a means of earning a living. **The day boy and the night girl summary** He was educated at Aberdeen University and after a short and stormy career as a minister at Arundel where his unorthodox views led to his dismissal he turned to fiction as a means of earning a living. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Elizabeth Yates wrote of Sir Gibbie It moved me the way books did when as a child the great gates of literature began to open and first encounters with noble thoughts and utterances were unspeakably thrilling.

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Raised from birth in a dark dungeon with nothing but a single dim lamp to light her tiny world. **The day boy and the night girl summary** In contrast the boy Photogen is raised exclusively in the day while also having the freedom to roam. **The day boy and the night girl summary** When Photogen discovers the night his courage falters faced with creatures he cannot see: **The day boy and the night girl summary** When the two meet they begin to learn and see the world in ways they could not have experienced or appreciated without each other, **The day boy and the night girl summary** The book is written simply enough to be read and enjoyed by a child but the deeper meanings make it easily appreciated for the adult. **The day boy and the night girl summary** In this way it reminds me of the Chronicles of Narnia by C. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Lewis claimed that everything he had written was influenced by MacDonald and revered him highly saying.

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Oswald Chambers and G. **The day boy and the night girl summary** The later of which said of MacDonald's book 'The Princess and the Goblin' that it made a difference to my whole existence: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Given the great minds that MacDonald influenced I can hardly understand why it has taken me so long to discover his works myself. **The day boy and the night girl summary** I can't wait to read this story to my children and read the rest of his writings myself: **The day boy and the night girl summary** 128 Read more reviews @ The Bibliosanctum MacDonald has been credited with being the inspiration for other "Christian Mythmakers" such as Tolkien and L'Engle, **The day boy and the night girl summary** This story in

particular is seen as some of his best work, **The day boy and the night girl summary** Despite the publisher.

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This rating is for the edition illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Again MacDonald uses lots of symbolism referring to the spiritual awakening process. **The day boy and the night girl summary** He uses characters to depict the dark and light within us and how they come together in union (by the marriage of the two MC's): **The day boy and the night girl summary** On the surface its a fantasy with some romance but as you read you can see the deeper meaning. **The day boy and the night girl summary** An evil witch good king (with a bit part) orphaned children beautiful girl with giant eyes and strong naive twit of a boy. **The day boy and the night girl summary** So read and enjoy it; very good for family readings especially for groups of kids under the age of ninety: **The day boy and the night girl summary** 128 A beautiful little fairy tale about two children who are victims in an experiment by a wicked witch that steals them from their unknowing mothers at birth, **The day boy and the night girl summary** As all plans must the witch's idea doesn't go as well as planned. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Nycteris and Photogen meet by accident resulting in them scheming to free themselves from captivity. **The day boy and the night girl summary** 128 I chose this book because excerpts were in a recent YA dystopian book I read (The Enclave) and I was curious to read more: **The day boy and the night girl summary** My sentimental feelings don't have as much to do with the book itself as the effect it had on me. **The day boy and the night girl summary** The originality of the story coupled with the fantastical and even frightening elements were pure oxygen for my imagination: **The day boy and the night girl summary** I expected getting caught up in the original concept and the fairytale feeling, **The day boy and the night girl summary** What I didn't expect was getting attached to the characters being astonished at the realism of the storyline and falling head over heels for the prose, **The day boy and the night girl summary** I could not see your lovely eyes but for the light that is in them; that lets me see straight into heaven through them, **The day boy and the night girl summary** I believe they are the very place where the stars are made: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Their ignorance their innocence the way they overcame their fears - it was all in the details. **The day boy and the night girl summary** It breathed between two gushes of wind stretched in the darkness between the stars hid under the petals of a daisy: **The day boy and the night girl summary** In the end this short story encompasses not only the reason I love fantasy but the reason I love books: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Truths I always knew existed but needed someone to spell them out for me needed that single line that would set my whole world spinning on a new orbit. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Thank you George MacDonald not for inspiring me to read but for teaching me to always always look between the lines, **The day boy and the night girl summary** Her heart - like every heart if only its fallen sides were cleared away - was an inexhaustible fountain of love (: **The day boy and the night girl summary**)More of my book reviews can be found on my

blog Valley of the Books: **The day boy and the night girl summary** 128 Gorgeous and a beautiful parable of the sexes with so many wonderful layers of meaning. **The day boy and the night girl summary** But Lewis was not alone MacDonald's works also influenced famous writers such as J: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Tolkien Madeline L'Engle this is not a book that is about religion (but you can catch some religious themes as with the works with all the authors mentioned), **The day boy and the night girl summary** The Day Boy and the Night Girl is a fairy tale of sorts and I've heard that this is quoted in Ann Aguirre's Enclave, **The day boy and the night girl summary** Immediately upon his birth he is spirited away from his mother: **The day boy and the night girl summary** She's told he is dead and she leaves the mansion in despair: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Not too long after Vesper births a daughter named Nycteris and presumably Vesper died after her birth: **The day boy and the night girl summary** She only allows Photogen to see the sunlight living as his mother had and she allows Nycteris to see only the dark living in the tombs as her mother had. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Photogen is schooled in many arts while Nycteris is largely kept ignorant save for learning music: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Photogen knows nothing of the night while Nycteris knows nothing of the day: **The day boy and the night girl summary** In fact Nycteris is very much in tune with her surroundings: **The day boy and the night girl summary** There's a simplicity to the story that kids can appreciate but at the same time there's a depth that adults can admire, **The day boy and the night girl summary** Photogen's resolve to be brave in the face of the unknown and Nycteris' quiet wisdom are shown beautifully simply. **The day boy and the night girl summary** They complement each other and navigate a world together that they'd been hidden from: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Because this is a children's story things do wrap up very neatly for the characters but there is still something affecting about it: **The day boy and the night girl summary** He read it just as you'd expect a fairy tale to be narrated: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Lewis' The Magician's Nephew but Nycteris is much milder than Polly, **The day boy and the night girl summary** 128 George MacDonald was a Scottish author poet and Christian minister. **The day boy and the night girl summary** Known particularly for his poignant fairy tales and fantasy novels MacDonald inspired many authors such as {site_link} G, **The day boy and the night girl summary** Lewis wrote that he regarded MacDonald as his master: Picking up a copy of Phantastes one day at a train station bookstall I began to read. **The day boy and the night girl summary** A few hours later said Lewis I knew that I had crossed a great frontier, **The day boy and the night girl summary** Chesterton cited The Princess and the Goblin as a book that had made a difference to my whole existence: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Known particularly for his poignant fairy tales and fantasy novels MacDonald inspired many authors such as {site_link} G: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Lewis wrote that he regarded MacDonald as his master: Picking up a copy of Phantastes one day at a train station bookstall I began to read, **The day boy and the night girl summary** A few hours later said Lewis I knew that I had crossed a great frontier: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Chesterton cited The Princess and the Goblin as a book that had made a difference to my whole existence: **The day boy and the night girl summary** Even {site_link} Mark Twain who initially disliked MacDonald became friends with him and there is some evidence that Twain was influenced by MacDonald.S. Lewis.K. Chesterton. And to think! I've barely scratched the surface. 128 Pretty good.No content concerns 128 Now this was just plain fun. 128 Beautifully told fairy tale. But I expected that. They are windows into the very heaven beyond the sky.And the best part is there is no insta-love. There is wonder and misunderstanding. There is support and mutual dependency. There is so much more than I could have hoped for. The illustrations are perfect too. It's just one of my favorite fairytale stories. George MacDonald is INCREDIBLE OKAY.R.R. Watho finds both women beautiful. Aurora in her vibrance and Vesper in her tragedy. Aurora soon births a son Photogen. Watho begins an experiment with the children. When Nycteris discovers the sun she believes she is burning. This is a beautifully crafted tale that's aged well. Eggington's narration was great. It wasn't too over the top and it wasn't too boring. It made me think of Digory and Polly from C.S. He wrote over 50 books.K. Chesterton {site_link} W. H.

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