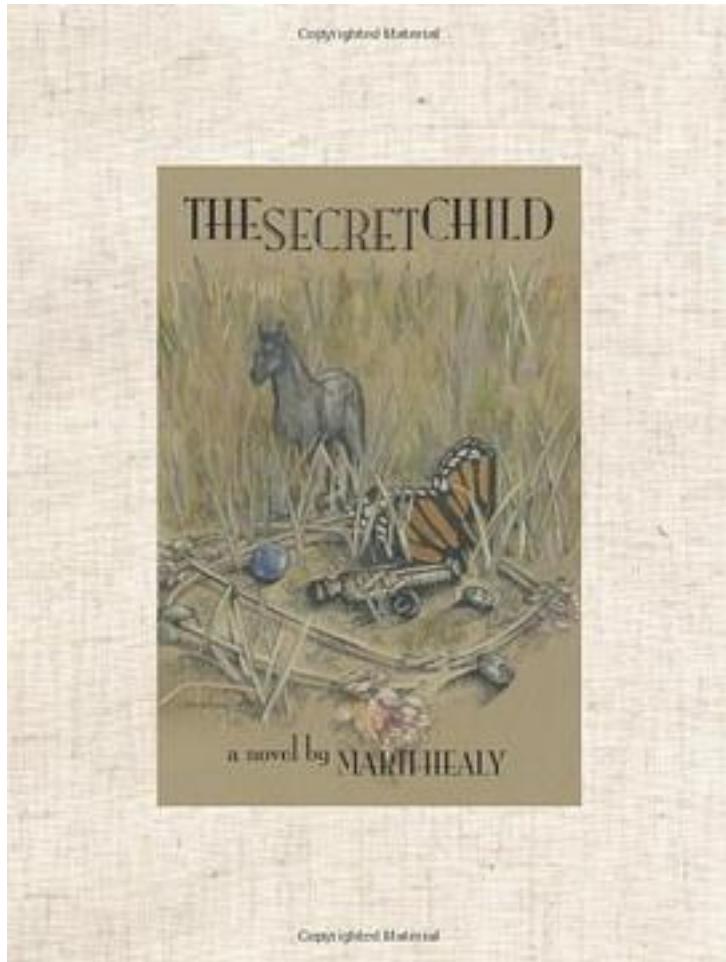


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A timeless tale, written in a very lyrical style, The Secret Child appeals to a wide range of ages; one of those "favorite" books cherished by more than one generation. Set in

1855, the central character is a thirteen-year-old girl, Marika an Irish Traveller running between her thribli, or clan, in Boston and her arranged marriage with a gypsy leader named Jacko in the Midlands of South Carolina. Marika's five-year-old brother Danny is with her, but falls ill and dies on the journey. Cautiously, she allows herself to form relationships with a free black man, Joseph, and a Quaker woman, Maggie. The book interweaves highly unexpected subjects and issues, such as slavery, human rights, and other harsh realities of 19th century South Carolina, along with a mystical, light-and-shadows world of "Fairies" who inhabit a nearby heavily forested Carolina Bay.

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