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Teacher's Book Review**



***When God Was A Rabbit, Sarah Winman***  
**Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.**

This book is about a mother and sister and how secrets can change a life. It's also about how things and people aren't always what they appear to be and how this phenomenon can be the source of both wonderful surprises and deep tragedies. Into this mix is thrown a pet rabbit named God and a quirky little girl named Jenny Penny. I loved this book for so many reasons and if I had to pick one it would be that the characters, while being very strange, were at the same time very real to me. The dialogue was the way people talk, at least the people I want to meet. Although this is a first novel for the author, it came as no surprise to me that she has made her living at script writing. So much of the book hinges on the belief that "Nothing stays forgotten for long" derived from the fossilized impression of a prehistoric insect found in the centre of a piece of slate and symbolized in renewed relationships and even lives throughout the story. This book makes me wish that I was a writer and I can't recommend it enough.