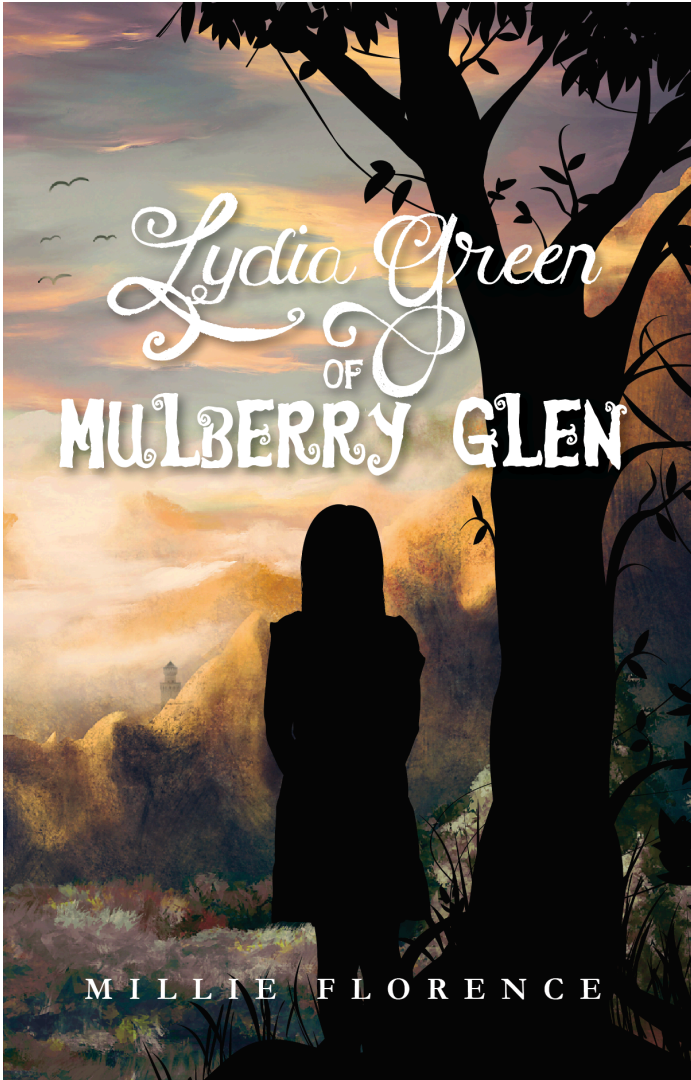


Family Bookclub

With Millie Florence



Lydia Green never had reason to worry much before.

She lived in a timeless Glen on the edge of the Valleylands with her mismatched family of fairies, philosophers, and two troublemakers known as the Zs.

But now, at age eleven, her world is turned upside down when rumors reach Mulberry Glen about a mysterious Darkness that dwells in the forest Tenebrae.

Lydia knows it is nothing to be trifled with, but, fiery and headstrong, the Zs have other ideas. A foolish choice puts their lives in danger, and although she is no hero, Lydia realizes that family is something she is willing to fight for. But among the shifting library shelves and lonely stone towers of her quest, Lydia is chased with more questions than answers.

The Darkness of the forest lurks within her own mind, and how can you fight something which is all in your head?

In her second novel, Millie Florence weaves a tapestry of passion, heart, and magic. Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen is a pure, hopeful fantasy for both parents and children alike.

Pick up your copy today to experience this fervent and uplifting tale.



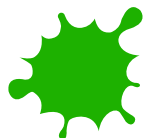
Read

Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen is written for children ages 8-12 and is a great read-aloud for families, bookclubs, homeschool co-ops, and schools. This guide includes some ways to enhance the reading experience for any of these groups, or even for a personal read.



Explore

- Pit tasked Lydia with planting a bunch of mysterious seeds... Perhaps you can plant some seeds of your own!
- Latin is the language of the fairies, and many characters throughout the Valleylands speak it. You can also learn some Latin, and you may even be able to translate some of the latin spoken in the book. Try Duolingo - it's a free language app, and it has a Latin course!
- Lydia loves tea more than any other drink, and often mixes her own brews. You can do that same! Buy some loose-leaf herbs and mix and match to create your own tea blends.
- Set up a hammock. If you're really up for an adventure, you could try sleeping in a hammock overnight, like Lydia.
- Take a trip to the library! Your library might not be as large as the Libraries of Tower Valley, but as Quill says "You can get lost in any library, no matter the size."



Create

Search for some origami tutorials and learn to make little paper creations just like Coran! If you've never done origami before, I would suggest starting with: foxes, butterflies, cranes, and paper stars.



Discuss

Think of these questions as conversation starters. There are no right or wrong answers, and there's no need to go through every one. Discuss what is interesting to you!

- How would you describe Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen in three words?
- What other books does Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen remind you of?
- Should Lydia have gone after the Zs?
- Would you have gone after the Zs if you were Lydia?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- Who was your least favorite character?
- What does Lydia want most in the world, and what's stopping her from getting it?
- Why do you think Lydia is afraid of change?
- Lydia's 'trade' was being an herbalist. If you lived in the Valleylands, what would your trade be?
- If you were lost in The Libraries, what would be your strategy to find your way out?
- What do you think of the title 'Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen'? How does it relate to the story? What other title might you choose?
- How is Mulberry Glen different from Tower Valley? How are they alike?
- Who was the bravest character in the story?
- Who was the wisest character?
- Who was the funniest character?
- What location in the book would you like to visit most in real life?
- Why do you think Lydia trusted so much in Omnis Res Mundi?
- How are Coran, Lydia, and Prehna different? How are they alike?
- What was the happiest moment in the book?
- What was the saddest moment in the book?
- What was the biggest surprise in the book?
- What do you think will happen to the characters after the end of the story?
- What's something from Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen that you don't want to forget?



Want to make part of the book come alive? Here are some food ideas straight from the story to enjoy while you read.

Terra's Chai Tea

"Lydia took a careful sip of chai tea, considering. It was warm and silky, full of cream and heartwarming spice."

Mulberry Muffins

(You can purchase dried mulberries online)

"Mulberry muffins. Sweet black juice running down the sides of each one, mixing with the chopped hickory nuts that were sprinkled on top. A Mulberry Glen specialty."

Trading Day Sandwiches

"Sitting on the ground at the base of the tree together, Livy unpacked two sandwiches, one with sautéed mushrooms and onions for him, and one with roasted tomatoes and herbs for Lydia."

Pumpkin Rolls

Pumpkins were only just beginning to be in season, but already Mrs. Castra had baked a few batches of pumpkin rolls, probably for the harvest festival which was in only a few days, and Coran filled a bag with a few of the extras.

Barley Soup

"You are making the soup with those little grains, correct?"

"Barley, and yes, I'm making your favorite soup," said Livy, throwing Lydia a quick smirk.

"Good, good," Garder said, and turned away again, looking pleased.



Keep Reading

If you enjoyed Lydia Green of Mulberry Glen, you might enjoy some of my other books. You can find out about them at www.millieflorence.com/books



More

Are you reading Honey Butter as a book club? Class? Homeschool co-op?

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