### **BILINGUAL CLASSICS IN FRENCH**

# The Secret Garden

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# for Dervilla, Niall and Aoife

# **Foreword**

Welcome to a unique and engaging way to experience a literary masterpiece and embark on a journey into the French language! You hold in your hands a special edition of *The Secret Garden* by *Frances Hodgeson Burnett*, a novel that has captivated hearts and minds of many generations.

This book is based on an abridged version of the original, with the goal of making it **easier to read and understand** when translated into French. We've replaced complex language, local dialects, and colloquialisms with a simpler form of English.

While we understand this may lose some of the original's charm, it allows for a more direct and clear translation. This approach occasionally breaks strict grammatical rules, but we believe **providing an easier translation path** for beginner and intermediate readers is more valuable.

If you're a literary perfectionist, the original text can be downloaded from **standardebooks.org**. For everyone else, simply relax and immerse yourself in the story and your learning journey.

What makes this book truly special is its innovative design for language learning. You'll find the **English and French texts interlaced**, with **the start of each sentence carefully aligned**. This unique layout allows you to intuitively grasp the French equivalent of each English phrase as you read, building your vocabulary and comprehension naturally.

But the learning experience doesn't stop there. We've created a **companion audiobook web app**, accessible via the link provided at the end of this book. This web app is designed to seamlessly integrate with your reading, offering both French and English audio.

To further consolidate your language learning and enhance your journey, we've included a **complimentary PDF Workbook**. This invaluable resource is packed with useful tips to guide your study and features engaging, chapter-themed word games.

Whether you are a devoted fan of *The Secret Garden*, a student of French, or simply a curious mind looking for a fresh approach to classic literature and language learning, we believe this book will provide a **rewarding and enriching experience**. Dive in, and let this story, in both English and French, inspire and educate you.

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