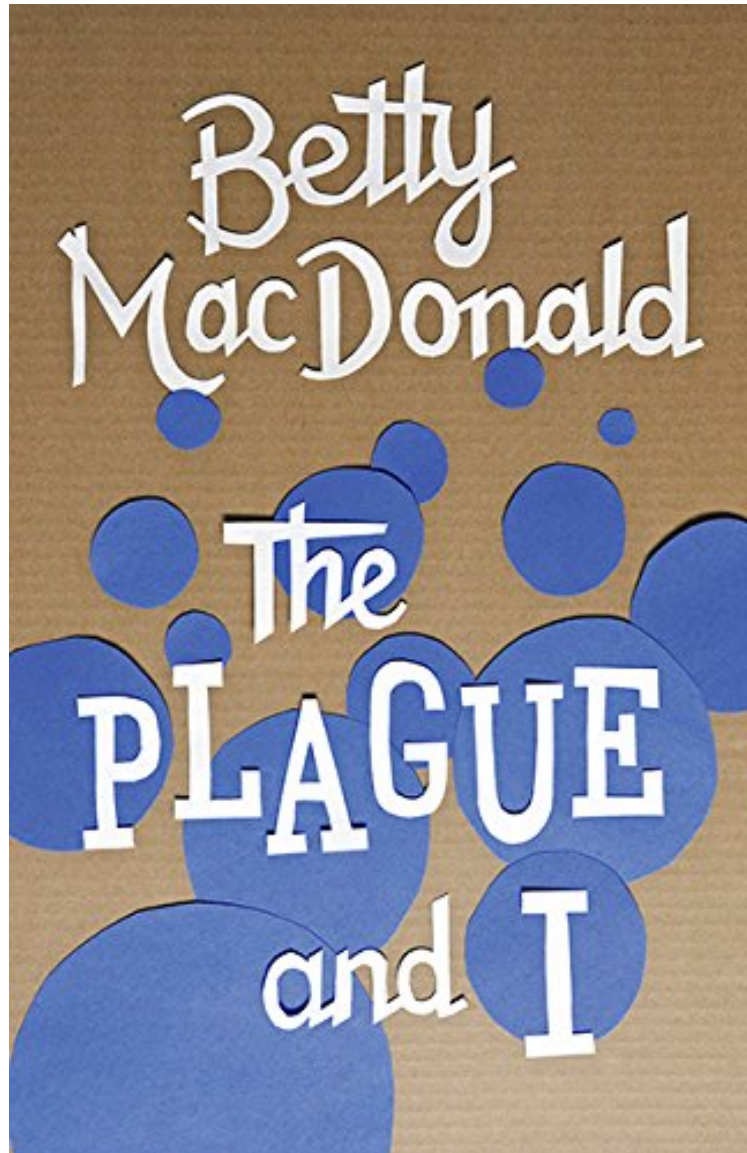


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Betty MacDonald

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Betty MacDonald : The Plague and I before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Plague and I:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great Story about a Historic location near SeattleBy D.C.R.I had seen the movie "the egg and I" of course and knew it was based out here in northwest where I have lived all my life but I really didn't know anything about the author Betty McDonald until a few years ago our local paper did a story on

her and her books then I saw "The Plague and I" it sounded very funny to me and she is! even while undergoing a harrowing health scare and stay at a tuberculosis sanatorium in the late 1930's so that is great story on it's own but for me what I found so fascinating is that I have been there and inside the buildings in the early 70's it was a religious School at the time and I had a girl friend who went there. I knew the place must have had quite a past and it was fun to read about it. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Betty MacDonald is a great author. By lovin' life As a depression baby and growing up in the results thereof, I find this book and the rest of Betty's books to be great reading. Do you ever wonder why people born in that era save almost everything? Tell you to eat everything on your plate? Why there was so much TB and how they dealt with it? What life was like for so very many people at the start of World War II? In spite of it all, there was great courage and amazing humor in it if you kept the right attitude. Betty catches that humor and courage very well in her books. I suggest reading the "Egg and I" first, there is a continuity that is contagious! 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. I originally read this book when I was fourteen and ... By Dutch Pie I originally read this book when I was fourteen and have always remembered how much I was enthralled by it. Several years ago I started a quest to get a copy and re-read it, but I couldn't find any except crazily expensive used copies. Then just recently I found suddenly had unused paperback copies for a reasonable price (I assume a reprint). Now I'm blissfully reading this entertaining (MacDonald's wit was superb) and informative book and enjoying it even more than I did as a teenager!

"Getting tuberculosis in the middle of your life is like starting downtown to do a lot of urgent errands and being hit by a bus. When you regain consciousness you remember nothing about the urgent errands. You can't even remember where you were going." Thus begins Betty MacDonald's memoir of her year in a sanatorium just outside Seattle battling the "White Plague." MacDonald uses her offbeat humor to make the most of her time in the TB sanatorium making all of us laugh in the process.

About the Author Betty MacDonald (1907-1958), the best-selling author of *The Egg and I* and the classic *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* children's books, burst onto the literary scene shortly after the end of World War II. *The Plague and I* takes up Betty's delightful misadventures where *The Egg and I* left off. She continued chronicling her life story with memoirs *Anybody Can Do Anything* and finally *Onions in the Stew*. She lived on Vashon Island in Washington's Puget Sound.