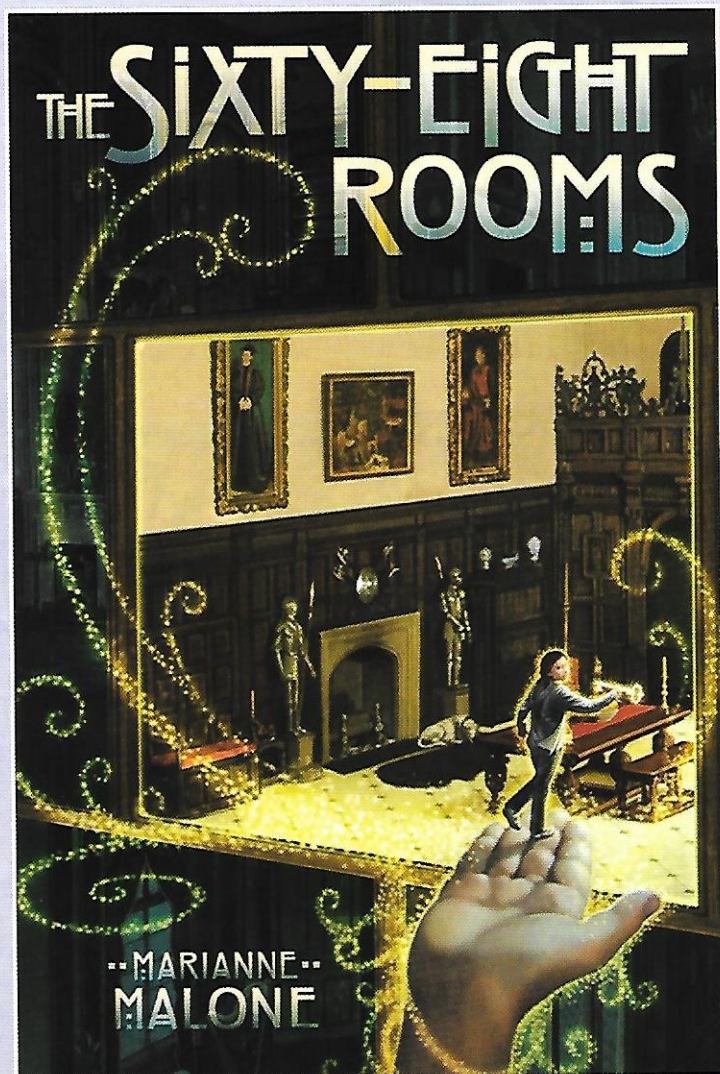


 Read the book review. What is the writer's opinion of the book?

TEEN TALK

Book Review of the Week

The Sixty-Eight Rooms by Marianne Malone



It is the 1500s. Christina, Duchess of Milan, is a young child. She has got a secret – a special key. With this key, she can become very small. She sees people, but they don't see her.

5 Hundreds of years later, Jack and Ruthie are on a school trip to a museum in Chicago. At the museum, they see the Thorne Rooms. The Thorne Rooms are miniature rooms from different times and places in the past. There aren't any people
10 in the rooms, but the rooms have got miniature furniture. There are living rooms with sofas and armchairs, and dining rooms with chairs and tables. The furniture looks real and Ruthie loves it.

At the museum, something extraordinary happens.
15 There is a key on the floor near the rooms. It's Christina's key. With the key, Ruthie and Jack become very small and they go into the miniature rooms. But that isn't all. They go through a door in a French home from the 1700s and suddenly, they
20 are in the past! They meet a girl from the time of the French Revolution and they help her escape the guillotine. They have adventures in medieval Europe, too. How is this possible – and what is the story behind the key? Read this exciting book and
25 find out. I recommend it.

Rating: ★★★★★



2 Read the text again. Why does the writer mention the following?

1. the 1500s
2. Chicago
3. the French Revolution
4. medieval Europe

3 Answer the questions.

1. What is Christina's secret?
2. What are the Thorne Rooms?
3. What does Ruthie like about the Thorne Rooms?
4. Where is the key?
5. Who is in the French home?



4 Find words in the text to match the definitions below.

1. it opens doors (lines 1-4)
2. an excursion (lines 5-9)
3. the opposite of *future* (lines 5-9)
4. get out of a dangerous place (lines 20-25)
5. say something is good (lines 20-25)

Word Power It helps to learn words in topic groups. Which word below is not in the topic group *parts of the house*?

wall • door • floor • key • window

