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Finding Magic Mountain has 4 ratings and 1 review. Carol Zapata-Whelan describes her son's struggle with the rare genetic disease Fibrodysplasia Ossifica.

It introduces the protagonist, Hans Castorp, the only child of a Hamburg merchant family. Following the early death of his parents, Castorp has been brought up by his grandfather and later, by a maternal uncle named James Tienappel. Castorp is in his early 20s, about to take up a shipbuilding career in Hamburg, his home town. Before beginning work, he undertakes a journey to visit his tubercular cousin, Joachim Ziemssen, who is seeking a cure in a sanatorium in Davos, high up in the Swiss Alps. In the opening chapter, Castorp leaves his familiar life and obligations, in what he later learns to call "the flatlands", to visit the rarefied mountain air and introspective small world of the sanatorium. Castorp is persuaded by Behrens to stay until his health improves. During his extended stay, Castorp meets a variety of characters, who represent a microcosm of pre-war Europe. Castorp eventually resides at the sanatorium for seven years. At the conclusion of the novel, the war begins, and Castorp volunteers for the military. His possible, or probable, demise upon the battlefield is portended. Literary significance and criticism[edit] The Magic Mountain can be read both as a classic example of the European Bildungsroman – a "novel of education" or "novel of formation" – and as a sly parody of this genre. Many formal elements of this type of fiction are present: Also embedded within this vast novel are extended reflections on the experience of time, music, nationalism, sociological issues and changes in the natural world. Mann describes the subjective experience of serious illness and the gradual process of medical institutionalization. He also alludes to the irrational forces within the human psyche, at a time when Freudian psychoanalysis was becoming a prominent type of treatment. In his discussion of the work, written in English and published in the Atlantic in , Mann states that "what [Hans] came to understand is that one must go through the deep experience of sickness and death to arrive at a higher sanity and health. Throughout the book the author employs the discussion with and between Settembrini, Naphta and the medical staff to introduce the young Castorp to a wide spectrum of competing ideologies about responses to the Age of Enlightenment. However, whereas the classical Bildungsroman would conclude by Castorp having formed into a mature member of society, with his own world view and greater self-knowledge, The Magic Mountain ends with Castorp becoming an anonymous conscript, one of millions, under fire on some battlefield of World War I. Thomas Mann, Connection to Death in Venice[edit] According to the author, he originally planned The Magic Mountain as a novella, a humorous, ironic, satirical and satyrical follow-up to Death in Venice, which he had completed in . The atmosphere was to derive from the "mixture of death and amusement" that Mann had encountered whilst visiting his wife in a Swiss sanatorium. He intended to transfer to a comedic plane the fascination with death and triumph of ecstatic disorder over a life devoted to order, which he had explored in Death in Venice. The Magic Mountain contains many contrasts and parallels with the earlier novel. Gustav von Aschenbach, an established author, is matched to a young, callow engineer at the start of a regular career. The erotic allure of the beautiful Polish boy Tadzio corresponds to the Asiatic-flabby "asiatisch-schlaff" Russian Madame Chauchat. The setting was shifted both geographically and symbolically. The lowlands of the Italian coastlands are contrasted to an alpine resort famed for its health-giving properties. Illness and death[edit] The Berghof patients suffer from some form of tuberculosis, which rules the daily routines, thoughts, and conversations of the "Half lung club". The disease ends fatally for many of the patients, such as the Catholic girl Barbara Hujus whose fear of death is heightened in a harrowing Viaticum scene, and cousin Ziemssen who leaves this world like an ancient hero. The dialogues between Settembrini and Naphta discuss the theme of life and death from a metaphysical perspective. Besides the deaths from fatal illness, two characters commit suicide, and finally Castorp goes off to fight in World War I, and it is implied that he will be killed on the battlefield. In the above-mentioned comment Mann writes: What Castorp learns to fathom is that all higher health must have passed through illness and death. As Hans Castorp once says to Madame Chauchat, there are two ways to life: One is the common, direct, and brave. The other is bad, leading through death, and that is the genius way. This concept of illness and death, as a necessary passage to knowledge,

health, and life, makes *The Magic Mountain* into a novel of initiation. Time[edit] Closely connected to the themes of life and death is the subjective nature of time , a leitmotif that recurs throughout the bookâ€”here the influence of Henri Bergson is evident. Thus Chapter VII, entitled "By the Ocean of Time", opens with the narrator asking rhetorically, "Can one tell â€” that is to say, narrate â€” time, time itself, as such, for its own sake? Throughout the book, they discuss the philosophy of time , and debate whether "interest and novelty dispel or shorten the content of time, while monotony and emptiness hinder its passage". The characters also reflect on the problems of narration and time, about the correspondence between the length of a narrative and the duration of the events it describes. Magic and mountains[edit] "Berghotel Sanatorium Schatzalp", referred to in the novel The titular reference to mountain reappears in many layers. The Berghof sanatorium is located on a mountain, both geographically and figuratively, a separate world. There, in a grotesque scene named after Walpurgis Night , the setting is transformed into the Blocksberg , where according to German tradition, witches and wizards meet in obscene revelry. At this event, Castorp woos Madame Chauchat; their subtle conversation is carried on almost wholly in French. This mountain is a "hellish paradise," a place of lust and abandon, where Time flows differently: Castorp, who planned to stay at the sanatorium for three weeks, does not leave the Berghof for seven years. In general, the inhabitants of the Berghof spend their days in a mythical, distant atmosphere. The x-ray laboratory in the cellar represents the Hades of Greek mythology, where Medical Director Behrens acts as the judge and punisher Rhadamanthys and where Castorp is a fleeting visitor, like Odysseus. Behrens compares the cousins to Castor and Pollux ; Settembrini compares himself to Prometheus. According to Mann, this represents the original and deathly destructive force of nature itself. Castorp awakens in due time, escapes from the blizzard, and returns to the "Berghof". This is the only sentence in the novel that Mann highlighted by italics. Although the ending is not explicit, it is possible that Castorp dies on the battlefield. Mann leaves his fate unresolved. Mann makes use of the number seven, often believed to have magical qualities: Music[edit] Hans Castorp loved music from his heart; it worked upon him much the same way as did his breakfast porter, with deeply soothing, narcotic effect, tempting him to doze. There is something suspicious about music, gentlemen. I insist that she is, by her nature, equivocal. I shall not be going too far in saying at once that she is politically suspect. People at the Berghof listen to "Der Lindenbaum" from the Winterreise played on a gramophone. These two pieces are full of mourning in the view of death; the latter hints an invitation to suicide. The author observed that the characters are all "exponents, representatives, and messengers of intellectual districts, principles, and worlds," hoping that he had not made them mere wandering allegories. Castorp[edit] Parzival: However, he remains pale and mediocre, representing a German bourgeois that is torn between conflicting influences â€” capable of the highest humanistic ideals, yet at the same time prone to both stubborn philistinism and radical ideologies. The "torp" is Danish, not unexpected on the German north coast. In a way, Hans Castorp can be seen as the incorporation of the young Weimar Republic: Both humanism and radicalism, represented by Settembrini and Naphta, try to win his favour, but Castorp is unable to decide. His body temperature is a subtle metaphor for his lack of clarity: Humanism[edit] Ruggiero Leoncavallo Settembrini represents the active and positive ideal of the Enlightenment , of Humanism , democracy , tolerance and human rights. He often finds Castorp literally in the dark and switches on the light before their conversations. He compares himself to Prometheus of Greek mythology, who brought of fire and enlightenment to Man. His antagonist Naphta describes him as "Zivilisationsliterat". Mann originally constructed Settembrini as a caricature of the liberal-democratic novelist, represented for example by his own brother Heinrich Mann. However, while the novel was written, Mann himself became an outspoken supporter of the Weimar Republic , which may explain why Settembrini, especially in the later chapters, becomes the authorial voice. Love and temptation[edit] Clawdia Chauchat represents erotic temptation, lust, and love, all in a degenerate, morbid, "Asiatic-flabby" form. Her name may also be a reference to the Chauchat machine gun , a French weapon that saw significant use by the French and American forces during World War I. Clawdia Chauchat leaves the Berghof for some time, but she returns with an impressive companion, Mynheer Peepkorn, who suffers from a tropical disease. His behavior and personality, with its flavour of importance, combined with obvious awkwardness and the strange inability ever to complete a statement, is reminiscent of certain figures in former novellas of the author e. In total, this

person represents the grotesqueness of a Dionysian character. By Mynheer Peeperkorn the author of the novel simultaneously personalizes his rival, the influential German poet Gerhart Hauptmann , and even certain properties of Goethe with whom Hauptmann often was compared. As already mentioned, Dr. Behrens alludes to the pair as " Castor p and Pollux ", the twin brothers of the Greek mythology. And in fact, there is some affinity between the two cousins, both in their love to Russian women Clawdia Chauchat in the case of Hans Castorp, the female co-patient "Marusja" in the case of Joachim Ziemssen , and also in their ideals. But, in contrast to Hans Castorp, who is an assertive person on the Berghof scene, Joachim Ziemssen is rather shy, known to stand somehow outside of the community. He tries to escape from what he, unspokenly, feels to be a morbid atmosphere. After long discussions with his cousin, and in spite of being warned by Dr. Behrens, he returns to the "flatlands", where he fulfills his military duties for some time. But after a while, forced by deterioration of his lungs, he returns to the Berghof. It is, however, too late for a successful treatment of his illness, and he dies in the sanitarium.

2: Ugo Rondinone's Seven Magic Mountains art installation in Las Vegas.

Finding Magic Mountain shares some of this process of discovery, but more importantly, it illustrates the lessons a mother learns about optimism, courage, and acceptance in the midst of battle with her son's rarest of rare genetic disorders, FOP.

As I can make out better the shapes, I realize I have seen this before. There is deep silence. I can only hear the very faint stirring of the water as the boat slides over it. Well no, there is also a faint melody which becomes clearer as we approach the shore. This poem is also in black and white in spite of all its harmonic colours. As we arrive in the island, we see amongst the dark thin and tall trees a palace made out of ice. The air is chilly, not cold, not freezing, just crisp and sharp. We enter this palace of iced crystal and there is a salon, a dancing salon and around it there are seven adjacent chambers or alcoves and there are hammocks and we see several figures lying down, horizontally. Although we are moving in space, there is something flat, like a fresco in a medieval church or maybe this flattened perspective is my illusion. We join the horizontals and lie down on the hammocks and wrap ourselves with white blankets and the spectacle begins. The Polka of the Seven Steps. The Polka begins and fourteen of those figures in the hammocks get up and form seven couples and get ready for their dance. The horizontals have become dancers and the spectacle at last begins. They set the tempo. Now it is Summer, now it is Winter, and round again. This couple does the rounds so well and draws you in their swirling so absolutely that time passes without breaks and from its cyclicity there seems to be no escape. As they dance we see the sun streaming in with white light and it is warm, but when it touches the dark it freezes. It is magic Snow and it has revelatory powers. Highland is less haughty and more humble and its vision has an advantageous viewpoint. It sees that existence is enchanted. In comparison, Lowland seems perfect, the desired state. But when it gets closer we see that it is formed out of the common and the petty. In its prejudices it just assumes too much. Austerity in the garments and the frosty detachment of Western are apparent in the well measured steps, but the exotic frills and extravagance of the bright Eastern delights and allures everyone, especially its dancing companion. They perform the most frivolous steps. It is difficult to tell who follows whom and who sets the pace. The Unhealthy is denied activity and barely moves, but it is openly apparent that it lives the music more profoundly. It dances with its soul. It has clearly been blessed, anointed with TB, which confers additional sagacity. The Healthy seems flippant, and just watching it move around from my hammock makes me giddy. There is a disturbing senselessness about it. Soon the next couple seems make their way and stand in front of us. Radicalism has pulled Humanism in. The latter dances elegantly, not missing one step and is dressed in light and harmonious tones. It also takes in stride the thrusts of Radicalism, who is dressed in dark shakes. There is a great deal of push and pull in this dance, but Humanism remains unperturbed. Suddenly a great deal more light comes in and the next couple are announced: With the light a magnificent figure takes center stage. He comes out alone, but is soon followed by his scruffy partner, Dionysus, who in a most disorderly fashion trots in. If Apollo is impeccable Dionysus is gaudy. They hold each other very tightly and intensely, as if their dancing were their salvation. Life as a temporary passage. Their steps are the most intricate and we see how their legs seem to slide out of their bodies and intertwine themselves into a new unity. But this is no polka, it is a tango. The erotic dance that could make you die. In still circumspection we prepare to leave this island, a mountain emerging magically from its surrounding waters.

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8: The Magic Mountain by Thomas Mann

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