

Front

*Goodnight, Mr. Tom*  
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**Willie**



Back

William Beech is a nine year-old boy who was abused by his mother, but later met a kind man named Tom Oakley. Willie's fears and worries eventually went away due to Tom's kindness and encouragement and he became a normal, happy boy (hence the smile on on his face on the front). Willie's story involves the power of love and friendship to change people for the better. Together, Tom and Willie find the strength to make dramatic positive changes in their lives.

I too have met someone in my life who has changed me for the better. Our mutual love and friendship towards one another has only made us realize just how much we really need each other.