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**Title:** The Wall – Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

**By:** Peter Sis

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**The Robert F. Siebert Medal**

**First Line:** “As long as he could remember, he had loved to draw.”

**Last Line:** “As long as he can remember, he will continue to draw.”

**Cover Jacket:** “I was born at the beginning of it all, on the red side – the communist side- of the iron curtain. Peter Sis draws us into the world that shaped him – Czechoslovakia during the Cold War. World War II had ended, and the Germans had left, but Czechoslovakia was still an occupied country, this time by the Russians. As tensions between Eastern Europe and the fee world intensified, borders to the West were fortified with fences and walls – the Iron Curtain had descended. Behind it were many people who wanted to be free. And as Peter grows up, he becomes one of them. He tells the story in pictures and memories, from a happy childhood to adolescence, when news from the West slowly filters into the country. Peter and his friends hear about blue jeans, Coca-Cola, beat poetry, rock ‘n’ roll…and the Beatles! We feel the pull of the free world’s forbidden fruits and sense the excitement as barriers are lifted. It’s the Prague Spring of 1968, and life is sweet. Then we watch in horror as the Soviets reassert totalitarian control, and we understand Peter’s wish to be free. In remarkable drawings and diaries, Peter Sis has brought memory and history together to take us on this extraordinary journey behind the Iron Curtain.”

**Back Cover:** “He was born in the middle of Europe in the middle of the twentieth century at the start of the Cold War. In his graphic memoir, Peter Sis tells what life was like for a boy who loved to draw and make music, who joined the Young Pioneers, stood guard at the giant statue of Stalin, passed Louis Armstrong in a snowstorm, longed for blue jeans and Beatles-style boots, let his hair grow long, secretly read banned books, listened to jammed radio, and traveled with the Beach Boys when they toured Czechoslovakia. Peter Sis’s story of growing up under a totalitarian regime proves that creativity can be discouraged but not easily killed, and that the desire to be free came naturally to a generation of young people behind the Iron Curtain.”

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**Title:** The Dust Bowl – Through the Lens

**By:** Martin W. Sandler (From the author of *Lincoln Through the Lens*)

How Photography Revealed and Helped Remedy a National Disaster

**Cover Jacket:** “The Dust Bowl was a time of hardship and disaster. After years of record-setting wheat crops, a cataclysmic drought combined with harmful farming practices to turn more than one hundred million acres of rich farmland almost completely into dust. Hundreds of thousands of people were forced to seek new lives thousands of miles away, while millions more chose to stay and battle nature to save their land. FDR’s New Deal army of photographers took to the roads during this national crisis to document the disaster. Their pictures spoke a thousand words, and a new form of storytelling – photojournalism- was born. Committed not just to recording the situation, these photographers saw an opportunity to inform the rest of the nation and bring about much-needed change. With the help of iconic photographs from Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Arthur Rothstein, and many more, Martin W. Sandler tells the story of a nation as it endured its darkest days and reveals the extraordinary courage and spirit of those who survived.”

**Introduction**

**A Photographic Symbol** – *“There she sat in that lean-to tent with her children huddled around her, and seemed to know that my pictures might help her, and so she helped me.”* – Dorothea Lange

Photo on page 5 titled “Migrant Mother”

**Vocabulary:** regarded, symbol, Dust Bowl, migrant, prime, revealed, aspect, desperate, compelling, images, influential, approached, artistry, composition, distinguishes, obvious, gesture, heightened, impact

**Hyphenated Words:** Pea-Pickers

**A Land of Plenty –**

*“We cross, the prairie as of old*

*The pilgrims crossed the sea,*

*To make the West, as they the East,*

*The homestead of the free!”* – John Greenleaf Whittier, “The Kansas Emigrants”

**Vocabulary:** opportunity, Homestead Act, unsettled, drudgery, wages, earned, eke, hordes, oppressed, emigrants, anxious, endured, scorching, raging, devastating, invasions, enabled, abundant, yielded, labor, posterity, posed

**Hyphenated Words:** dawn-to-dusk, breath-taking

**Wheat Heaven –** *“Early and late, from all directions, has resounded the hum of tractors and combines. Trucks have been…carrying piled-up loads of bright, hard, full-kerneled wheat…I have never seen a more beautiful harvest.”* – Oklahoma Farm Woman Caroline Henderson

**Vocabulary:** sways, flaming, region, vengeance, allies, bushel, princely, slogans, cornerstone, pride, astounding, acreage, essential, threshing, quantities, precious

**Hyphenated Words:** well-known, wheat-growing

**Destroying the Land –** *“We just kept plowing. Our neighbors just kept plowing. We were all sure that the good times would never end.”* – Texas Farmer Abraham Krames

**Vocabulary:** confident, beneficial, vital, efficient, tractors, combines, threshers, mechanical, profound, precious, topsoil, barrier, disc plow, shallower, pulverized, accumulating, productive

**Hyphenated Words:** horse-driven, gasoline-powered, equipment-hauling

**Prelude to Disaster –** *“By mid-August…we were feeding hay to the cattle because there was no grass left even along the roadside ditches.”* – North Dakota Farm Girl Anne Marie Low

**Vocabulary:** profitable, “suitcase farmers”, occasionally, concentrated, vast, livestock, overgrazed, unwittingly, disaster, glory, devoured

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-four, wheat-producing

**A Decade Without Rain –** *“Rain follows the plow.”* – Geologist Charles Dana Wilber

**Vocabulary:** gurgling, grateful, deferred, sentiment, drought, Great Plains, topsoil, pulverized, overplowing, overgrazing, accompanied, Fahrenheit, consecutive, tragic, lifeblood, revealed, devastation, plagued, parched,

**Hyphenated Words:** sun-baked, all-important

**Black Blizzard –** *“We were driving home…on this beautiful Sunday afternoon. We were caught out in the approaching storm…We could see the cloud roll upon us as one might helplessly watch an approaching mountain avalanche.”* – Texas Farm Girl Kathleen (Allen) Lewis

**Vocabulary:** occurrence, challenges, enormously, fluttered, perplexed, weather bureau, phenomenon, engulfed

**Hyphenated Words:** sixty-mile-per-hour, one-time

**Endless Darkness –** *“This is ultimate darkness. So must come the end of the* *world.”* – Kansas Farm Woman

**Vocabulary:** unleashed, fury, frequently, familiar, duster, originated, deposited, seaboard, vast, spared, terrifying, enveloped

**Hyphenated Words:** thirty-eight, dust-caused

**An Alarming Situation –** *“We live with the dust, eat it, sleep with it, watch it strip us of possessions and the hope of possessions…The nightmare is becoming life.” –* Dust Bowl Resident Avis D. Carlson

**Vocabulary:** strip, possessions, devastating, consumed, battling, continual, scooping, derail, lanterns, pupils, raging, desolation, No Man’s Land, rescue, consequences, dust pneumonia, region, merchandise, abandoned, contracting, donned, abrasive

**Hyphenated Words:** dust-covered, wind-blown, one-third

**Black Sunday –** *“Swirling in suddenly from the Southwest, the storm struck during a funeral at a local church, putting the crowd into a panic. Three people fainted as the dust swept inside the church.”* – Liberal News (Liberal, Kansas)

**Vocabulary:** fainted, fury, dawned, reeling, frantically, chattering, nervously, ominous, excavated, construction, Panama Canal, plunged, unprecedented, engulfed, abandon

**Hyphenated Words:** one-quarter, seven-year

**Covered in Dust –** *“Many days this spring the air is just full of dirt coming, literally, for hundreds of miles. It sifts into everything…Newspapers say the deaths of many babies and old people are attributed to breathing in so much dirt.”* – North Dakota Farm Girl Ann-Marie Low

**Vocabulary:** “Black Sunday”, literally, attributed, sifts, “dust bowl”, appropriate, invented, deposited, windowsills, sprig, vast, capture

**Hyphenated Words:** dust-storm, dust-buried

**An Agonizing Decision –** *“We are getting deeper and deeper in dust.”* – The Boise City News

**Vocabulary:** struggling, cope, aspect, gaze, cupboards, irrevocably, flouted, shattered, foreseeable, agonizing, abandon, drought

**The Art of Photography –** *“Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever…it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”* – Photographer Aaron Siskind

**Vocabulary:** captured, regarded, miracle, astounded, possess, cumbersome, fragile, amateur, pursuing, terrain, rivaled, genre, daguerreotype, surviving, unique

**Hyphenated Words:** picture-taking, easy-to-use, self-portrait

**Heroes of the Dust Bowl –**

*“O you daughters of the West!*

*O you young and elder daughters! O you mothers and you wives!*

*Never must you be divided, in our ranks you move united.”*  - Walt Whitman, “Pioneers! O Pioneers!”

**Vocabulary:** agonizing, hardy, stock, challenge, combating

**Hyphenated Words:** dust-covered, two-room, well-advertised

**The Great Depression –**

*“Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?”* – Title of a Popular Song by E.Y. (Yip) Harburg

**Vocabulary:** spare, tragedy, strike, calamity, thriving, prospering, proclaim, poverty, banished, collapse, drastically, expressions, reveal, “skid row”, San Francisco

**Champion of Recovery –**

*“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” –* Franklin D. Roosevelt, First Inaugural Address

**Vocabulary:** champion, privileged, abundance, burden, inaugural, endure, revive, prosper, “New Deal”, prosperity, reform, initiated, committed

**Hyphenated Words:** poverty-stricken

**The WPA –** *“I had been out of work for almost a year. The WPA not only gave me a job. It gave me back my dignity.” –* New York Resident Sherman Berger

**Vocabulary:** Works Progress Administration (WPA), literally, variety, sponsored, astounding, illiterate, compilations, grateful, opportunity, relief, advancements, disciplines, cultural, revolution, nationwide, talented, masterful

**Hyphenated Words:** far-reaching

**Documentary Photography –** *“Photography…was fast being discovered as a serious tool of communications, a new way for a thoughtful, creative person to make a statement.” –* Roy Stryker

**Vocabulary:** appreciated, reveal, persuade, dwellings, vanished, era, pioneering, documentary, horrendous, immigrants, slums, capture, images, universal, dawn, dusk, textile, pioneered, abolishing, preserves, portrayed

**Hyphenated Words:** thirty-year, child-labor

**Portraying a Nation in Hard Times –** *“We just took pictures that cried out to be taken.”* – FSA Photographer Ben Shahn

**Vocabulary:** powerful, influential, eventually, tragedy, hiring, talented, expert, disposal, unique, images, capture, cope, portrayal, dignity, adversity, proclaim, despair

**Taking America’s Portrait –** *“You’re having a tough time here and the rest of the* *country needs to see pictures of it so that they can appreciate what you’re going through.”* – Russell Lee to the Dust Bowl victims whose photographs he took

**Vocabulary:** anguish, pictorial, memorable, images, victims, documented, territory, crisscrossed, encountered, captured, magnitude, portraying, humanity, prolific, innovative, enabled, produce, historian, essential, compassion, migration, provisions, journey

**Hyphenated Words:** well-traveled, multiple-flash

**The Great Escape –** *“The land just blew away. We had to go somewhere.”* – Kansas Preacher

**Vocabulary:** migration, seek, climate, harsh, dispossessed, heralding, bounty, cultivate, familiar, “Route 66”, “the Mother Road”, destination

**The Endless Road –** *“People have been leaving the Great Plains by tens of thousands every year. To me, that is the real tragedy of the Dust Bowl.”* – Kansas Farmer Lawrence Svobida

**Vocabulary:** tragedy, bound, determination, spirit, foreboding, embarking, compelled, depicting, evokes, gazes, exodus, barren

**Hyphenated Words:** broken-down, never-ending

**Journey to the Unknown –** *“It’s a very difficult thing to be exposed to the new and strange worlds that you know nothing about and find your way…It’s a hard thing to be lost.” –* Dorothea Lange

**Vocabulary:** victims, jalopies, possessions, arduous, hitch, replacement, periodically, caption, stalled

**Hyphenated Words:** more-than-1,500-mile

**Reformer with a Camera –** *“You put a camera around your neck in the morning…and there it is, an appendage…that shares your life with you. The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera.” –* Dorothea Lange

**Vocabulary:** appendage, refugees, stricken, vast, destined, abandoned, sensitive, capturing, utter, poverty, register, accused, propagandist, conviction, supreme, humanist, cumbersome, decade

**An Important Book –** *“Because they were all lonely and perplexed, because they had all come from a place of sadness and worry and defeat, and because they were all going to a new mysterious place, they huddled together.” –* Jon Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath

**Vocabulary:** perplexed, defeat, encountered, migrants, compelled, inspired, plight, eloquent, dispossessed, scurrying, burden, enormous, huddled, billboard, afford, Pulitzer Prize, Nobel Prize for Literature, scuttled, clustered

**Hyphenated Words:** road-weary

**Arriving in California –** *“We hated to see anyone leave. There were so few close neighbors or close friends or relatives. And we hated for ‘em to leave, but we all told ‘em to be sure and write us from California. We were all afraid we would never see ‘em again.”* – Kansas Farm Girl Imogene Glover

**Vocabulary:** Promised Land, abundance, refugees, desperate, enduring, incredible, Collier’s, confronted, primly, slumped, hinge, bearing, coupling, merely, wedged, forlorn, moaning, weary, circumstances

**In the Fields –** *“If you lose your pluck you lose the most there is in you – all you’ve got to live with.”* – Eighty-Year-Old Dust Bowl Migrant

**Vocabulary:** vehicles, battered, bedraggled, scorned, “Okies”, accused, encounter, defeated, pitched, irrigation, scrounging, makeshift, dwellings, migrants, hauling, desperation, wages, caption

**Hyphenated Words:** back-breaking

**A Special Tragedy –** *“if you are the kind of person who likes to say ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’, don’t look at these pictures – they may change your mind.”*  - Photographer Edward Steichen

**Vocabulary:** migrant, dawn, broiling, stooped, laborious, devastating, evidence, victims, drought, anguish, chronicle, poignant, prime, caption, reveals, sociologists

**Hyphenated Words:** pea-picking

**Following the Crops –** *“You can make it here if you sleep late and eat little, but it’s pretty tough – there’s so many people.” –* Unidentified Texas Migrant Farmer

**Vocabulary:** endure, toiling, harvest, groves, typical, debts, refugees, imaginable, obtain

**Stories in Pictures: The Photo-Essay –** *“To see life; to see the world; to eyewitness great events; to watch the faces of the poor and the gestures of the proud.” –* Credo for *Life* Magazine

**Vocabulary:** eyewitness, gestures, universal, crisis, captivated, revolutionized, photojournalists, launched, conveying, global, deliberately, agency

**Hyphenated Words:** hundred-year, “photo-essay”

**Help at Last –** *“I see a United States which can demonstrate that, under democratic methods of government,…the lowest standard of living can be raised far above the level of mere subsistence.” –* President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Second Inaugural Address

**Vocabulary:** democratic, migrants, desperate, haunting, refugees, dignity, vital, granting, relief checks, literally, reversal, wage, enormous, postwar, facilities

**Hyphenated Words:** government-built

**Poet of the Dust Bowl –** *“Left Oklahoma and went out to west Texas…right square in the big middle of the dust bowl. That’s where the wheat grows…Where the dust blows. And the farmer owes.”* – Woodie Guthrie

**Vocabulary:** aspirations, tragedy, inspired, identity, summed, troubadour, salvation, stumbling, mortgages, debts, trek, decried, endure, oppression, diversions

**Hyphenated Words:** hard-working

**Those Who Stayed –** “Dust always lived with hope…’Next year, Next year. I failed this time, but next year’ll be better.’ And I never did see him have the look of givin’ up or quitting.” – Texas Farm Boy Melt White

**Vocabulary:** impression, stricken, desperation, lacked, loyalty, bound, plowing, attempting, drifting, defeated

**Hyphenated Words:** two-thirds, ever-present, full-time

**A Symbol of Enduring Courage –** *“My photograph made people realize that here was a tragedy that was affecting people – it wasn’t just affecting crops.”* – Arthur Rothstein

**Vocabulary:** critic, masterpiece, document, plight, devastated, symbol, revealing, captured, composition, symbolized, curators, conveying, desolation, isolation, underscores, stalwart, remedy, icon, bounty, prominently

**Hyphenated Words:** well-known

**Coping with Hardship –** *“’Dust to eat,’ and dust to breath and dust to drink. Dust in the beds and in the flour bin, on dishes and walls and windows, in hair and eyes and ears and teeth and throats.” –* Oklahoma Farm Woman Caroline Henderson

**Vocabulary:** endured, heroic, refused, ingenuity, resoled, challenge, existed, devastated, dandelions, vital, nourishing, substance, poignant, severe, livestock, vulnerable, garments, mended

**Hyphenated Words:** used-up, once-scorned

**Vacation from Reality –** *“Toto, I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.” –* The Wizard of Oz

**Vocabulary:** era, struggling, realities, transported, plucky, lyrics, phenomenon, refugees

**Hyphenated Words:** poverty-stricken, out-of-work, heating-equipment, Dust Bowl-and Great Depression-era

**Everyone Pitches In –** *“A horse sale was held…in the afternoon. I sold one of our horses. There are six left now, I don’t know how long I can keep them.” –* Nebraska Farmer Don Hartwell

**Vocabulary:** willpower, pride, optimism, determination, despite, realization, courageous, undertaking, essential, nostrils, livestock, suffocated, drought, hauled, essential, hauled, sip, precious, income, rare

**A Remarkable Optimism –** *“We have faith in the future, we are here to stay.” –* Kansan Ada Buell Norris

**Vocabulary:** deteriorate, investment, mortgage, auctioned, makeshift, dwellings, incredible, understatement, despite, endured, majority, clung, remarkable, optimism, auction, obstacles

**Hyphenated Words:** part-time, tough-minded, leather-skinned

**Dust Bowl Humorist –** *“The farmer has to be an optimist or he wouldn’t still be a farmer.” –* Will Rogers

**Vocabulary:** beloved, legendary, proclaimed, ordeal, compassion, pertained, enabled

**Hyphenated Words:** down-to-earth, seventy-one

**Humor in the Midst of Adversity –** *“In the middle of the dry years, it got so hot that hens were laying hard-boiled eggs.”* – Popular Dust Bowl Tall Tale

**Vocabulary:** cope, emerged, integral, folk humor, encountered, adversity, champion, cooperate, swap, soothe, trait, evidence

**Hyphenated Words:** hard-boiled, real-estate, ten-gallon

**Rain at Last –** *“Three little words achingly familiar on a Western farmer’s tongue rule life today in the dust bowl of the continent. If it rains.” –* Robert Geiger, Washington Evening Star

**Vocabulary:** familiar, abruptly ceased, decade, rejuvenated, anguish, revealed, blossoming, symbolized, rekindled, bountiful

**The Tree Army –** *“The CCC will conserve our precious natural resources. It will pay dividends to the present and future generations.” –* President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Message to Congress

**Vocabulary:** recruiting, disbanded, betterment, barriers, fondly, vital, innovative, benefits

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-three, hoped-for, once-available

**Saving the Land –** *“Out of the long list of nature’s gifts to man, none is perhaps so utterly essential to human life as soil.” –* Hugh Hammond Bennett

**Vocabulary:** utterly, essential, calamity, destined, era, wreckage, destined, erosion, pleading, conserve, dedicated, precious, priority, benefactors, contour

**Hyphenated Words:** soil-saving, moisture-saving

**Faces of the Dust Bowl –** *“Many of these people were sick, hungry, and miserable. The odds were against them. Yet their goodness and strength survived.”*  - Roy Stryker

**Vocabulary:** conserve, ecological, disaster, hardships, clinging, tenaciously, native, plight, anguish, indomitable, adversity, endure

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**Title:** Children of the Dust Bowl – The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp

**By:** Jerry Stanley – illustrated with photographs

**New York Times Book Review:** “A powerful account of a desperate time.”

**School Library Journal (starred review):** “Stanley has crafted well-researched, highly readable portrait of the ‘Okies” driven to California by the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s and the formidable hardships they faced…An informative and inspirational bit of American history.”

**The Horn Book (starred review):** “The heart of this story is the work of a compassionate high-school counselor. Leo Hart…Facing widespread opposition to having Okie children in the public schools, Hart undertook the bold enterprise of helping the children build their own school. Soliciting whatever materials he could find and hiring a small band of young teachers, Hart turned a vacant piece of land into an educational opportunity…The book is a fascinating account of the cruelty society heaps on its underdogs as well as an inspiring lesson for adults: it demonstrates very eloquently the profound difference one person can make in the lives of children.”

**Booklist (starred review):** “A compelling document, supplying much more than the history of the construction of Weedpatch School…Throughout are songs, stories, and comments from individuals who survived to tell of the filth and heat and dust, of the meals of coffee grounds and apple pits, and of the prejudice and poverty encountered in the California promised land. The story is inspiring and disturbing, and Stanley has recorded the details with passion and dignity.”

**Kirkus (pointer review):** “Lucid, dramatic, and splendidly inspiring.”

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**Introduction: Mr. Steinbeck’s Book**

**Vocabulary:** “Okies”, Great Depression, Great Plains, California, San Joaquin Valley, migrants, surplus, denunciation, poverty, evicted, jalopy, Route 66, misery, Arvin (Oklahoma), astonishing, Grapes of Wrath, bitter, controversy, obscene, infernal, distorted, profanity, despair

**Hyphenated Words:** desperate-looking, farm-labor, one-sided

**One: Mean Clouds**

**Vocabulary:** Panhandle, barren, sandwiched, irrigation, reservoirs, canals, gambled, shriveled, sizzling, collapsed, shattered, leveled, howled, topsoil, scraping, roiled, approaching, signal, grit, fierce, gales, drifting, static, jolting, electrocuted, pennant, summed, mulberry, windbreaks, furrows, blasted, whipped, bounty, desperation, agricultural, unemployment, bankruptcy, “tractored out”, Dirty Thirties

**Hyphenated Words:** free-flowing, old-timers

**Two: Mother Road**

**Vocabulary:** penniless, hardship, poverty, conquer, adversity, magical, lush, Dust Bowlers, handbills, advertisements, migration, exodus, pooled, jalopy, washtubs, straddling, possessions, lashed, mediocre, hitchhiked, boxcars, Route 66, “Mother Road”, sputtered, disrepair, possessions, Studebaker, cranky, subsided, lard, checkerboard, shattered, steep, hairpin, guardrails, vehicle, summit, perilous, unreliable, washtubs, strain, cantaloupes, Mojave Desert

**Hyphenated Words:** beat-up, ten-foot-high, blast-furnace, sugar-cured, broken-down, frying-pan, this-a-way

**Three: Dead Time**

**Vocabulary:** jalopies, Tehachapi Grade, (Tehachapi Mountains of California), San Joaquin Valley, ski slope, descended, rejoicing, vast, orchards, Model A Ford, bluff, trance, ramshackle, migrants, surplus, excess, wages, poverty, nectarines, misery, pneumonia, bitterest, epidemics, dysentery, tuberculosis, squalor, filth, squatter, frostbitten, grove, rumor, washtubs, Arvin Federal Camp (Weedpatch Camp), paradise, lard, makeshift, clattered, twanged, washboard, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, guitar, courage, bruise, wince, sanitation, tuberculosis

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-five, thirty-five, broken-down, seven-month-old, seventeen-month-old, farm-labor, one-room, poorest-paying, Tow-Sack, stern-set, self-control

**Four: “Okie, Go Home!”**

**Vocabulary:** ridicule, rejection, ignorant, filthy, shiftless, horde, invades, hostile, epidemics, sanitation, balcony, “Bum Blockade”, conquer, adversity, poverty, twang, drawl, outcast, endured, hardware, cannery, brawl, rejection, overalls, scum, maggot, humiliated, jeered

**Hyphenated Words:** non-Okie, chicken-feed, twelve-year-old, ill-fitting, baking-powder

**Five: Mr. Hart**

**Vocabulary:** makeshift, ridicule, maggots, scum, contracted, tuberculosis, sanitarium, campaign, society, illiterate, etiquette, hostility, civilians, irate, defending, violence, obscene, propaganda, scolded, protesting, jeopardy, masonry, mechanics, agriculture

**Hyphenated Words:** horse-drawn, high-ranking, self-confidence

**Six: Weedpatch School**

**Vocabulary:** hostile, declared, condemned, clad, undernourished, skeptical, draped, recruited, scrounger, panhandler, residents, eliminate, brawls, stumped, cargo, flatbed, acquired, assortment, stockpile, discarded, typewriters, generous, opposed, shunned, condemned, extinguished, blaze, donations, pluck, bolls, hulls

**Hyphenated Words:** ten-acre, hot-water, razor-sharp

**Seven: Something to Watch**

**Vocabulary:** overalls,flatbed, trench, hygiene, outhouses, instilling, partiality, ridicule, condemned, renovated, donated, interior, persuaded, abandoned, auditorium, disassembled, hauled remanufactured, plastering, masonry, clattering, striking, plowed, alfalfa, toiling, tilling, slaughtered, cosmetics, stenography, cobbling, dispensed, donations, merchants, fate

**Hyphenated Words:** good-bye, odd-looking, hundred-yard, three-quarter-inch, self-worth, general-purpose, twenty-five, self-sufficient, cod-liver, one-room, twelve-year-old, twelve-by-twelve, four-person

**Eight: Our School**

**Vocabulary:** canceled, severe, suspension, collapsed, siblings, sporadic, quantum leaps, conveying, bandstand, tractor, composed, vivid, outings, spawning, shallows, banks, intruders, hurled, invaders, retreat, scuffed, irrigation, channel, poverty, aviation, pervading, nylons

**Hyphenated Words:** three-hour, third-grade, twelve-year-old, two-by-fours, baby-sit, thirty-six-year-old, one-day, hand-casting, ten-foot, merry-go-round, hand-raised, long-sleeved, sixteen-year-old

**Nine: Sunset School**

**Vocabulary:** gradually, lack, commending, pride, residents, clamoring, seeking, transfer, broader, resented, status, absorbed, merged, trustees, petitioned, complied, era, ragamuffins, tattered, mining, Congoleum rug

**Hyphenated Words:** crime-prevention, once-hostile, student-body

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**Title:** Out of the Dust

**By:** Karen Hesse

**Newberry Honor Book**

**First Line:** “As summer wheat came ripe, so did I, born at home, on the kitchen floor.”

**Last Line:** “I catch her reflection in the mirror, standing in the kitchen, soft-eyed, while Daddy finishes chores, and I stretch my fingers over the keys, and I play.”

**Vocabulary:** crouched, bawling, hollered, fondness, fierce, fidgety, tractor, pledged, revenge, wagering, civil, scowl, farewell, plowboy, riled, annoy, distracted, sizzling, pestering, bounty, whittled, glared, squinted, stale, collapsed, clanked, drought, dazzled, parlor, gleaming, spindled, feuding, scowl, foul, coo, flannel, stumbled, spindly, harvest, ratcheted, overalls, snatched, rippling, withered, wisp, dazed, wince, windmill, grumbles, seep, sorghum, bittering, crusty, stubborn, quaking, simmering, boughs, poppies, tart, groan, searing, fared, combines, gripe, chirps, trickling, dazzling, obliged, mended, kerosene, burst, crested, antiseptic, howling, grit, crunched, grit, chafed, mound, tortured, shrieking, scorched, groaning, squirreled, threshold, sooth, quench, descending, whirred, tassles, fetch, gazed, stupor, writhed, carcasses, tufts, swaying, span, octaves, drought, sod, windmill, seep, volcano, erupted, cereus, gritty, scorch, wilted, mortgages, grazed, stubble, sod, biding, vanished, excavating, revue, costumes, rehearsals, deformed,

exhibit, benefit, pastels, charcoals, sketch, spare, cranberry, dunes, suffocated, range, thistle, grime, tangle, ponging, gushing, dawns, cloaked, surveying, frail, revive, basin, festered, agony, bleary, whirling, infantile, paralysis, debt, withered, fixings, crammed, moonshine, throb, amateur, jittery, pouted, cripple, chaos, parched, prospects, pneumonia, drafty, curdling, filthy, straddled, raging, brittle, ignite, warped, scorched, charred, sparse, rickety, staggered, procession, descended, swarmed, desperation, procession, hospitality, glowering, parched, parcel, knoll, ferns, companion, hoarding, mottled, flinch, irritated

**Hyphenated Words:** long-legged, freckle-faced, narrow-hipped, speed-writing, good-bye, blue-eyed, feed-sack, plate-glass, cast-off, half-hooked, six-weeks, rib-thin, pinky-white, sweet-smelling, seventy-three, twenty-bushel, long-legged, red-haired, hard-jawed, bone-dry, dried-up, twenty-four, bone-thin, dried-up, knuckle-breaking, electric-train, thirty-three, one-half, three-dollar, two-dollar, one-dollar,

blondy-red, barbed-wire, brown-tipped, dust-mounded, two-headed, hard-pan, near-finished, big-time, five-pound, dust-crushed, once-upon-a-time, real-live, long-necked, sole-deep, soft-eyed

**Similes:** “old as ancient Indian bones, and mean as a rattler”

“playing notes sharp as tongues”

“I watched the plants, surviving after so much drought and so much wind, I watched them fry, or flatten, or blow away, like bits of cast-off rags.”

“My dazzling ma, round and ripe and striped like a melon.”

“Instead, she goes out to the chickens and her anger, simmering over like a pot in an empty kitchen, boils itself down doing chores.”

“On Sunday, winds came, bringing a red dust like a prairie fire, hot and peppery, searing the inside of my nose, the whites of my eyes.”

“Thin as a rail fence.”

“We watched him walk away down the road, in a pair of Daddy’s mended overalls, his legs like willow limbs, his arms like reeds.”

“Lots of mothers wishing that these days, while their sons walk to California, where rain comes, and the color green doesn’t seem like such a miracle, and hope rises daily, like sap in a stem.”

“The blossom opened at midnight, big as a dinner plate.”

“Dreamy Christmas snow, gentle, nothing blowing, such calm, like after a fever, wet, clinging to the earth, melting into the dirt, snow.”

“My father’s voice starts and stops, like a car short of gas, like an engine choked with dust, but then he clears his throat and the song starts up again.”

“Soft and then a little heavier, helping along what had already fallen into the hard-pan earth until it rained, steady as a good friend who walks beside you, not getting in your way, staying with you through a hard time.”

**Play:** *Madame Butterfly*

**Stories:** Hansel and Gretel

**Songs:** My Baby Just Cares for Me

Walking My Baby Back Home

Bye, Bye, Blackbird

Stormy Weather

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**Title:** Bud, Not Buddy

**By:** Christopher Paul Curtis

**Coretta Scott King Award**

**First Line:** *“HERE WE GO AGAIN.”*

**Last Line:** “Shucks, as good as things were going for me now I’d bet you dollars to doughnuts that Steady Eddie was going to get here early.”

**Chapter 1:**

**Vocabulary:** glum, depression, slugs, squinching, commence, decoder, blurry, suspicion, droopy, luxurious

**Hyphenated Words:** tap-tap-tapped, high-heeled, jim-jammed, ga-ga goo-goo baby-waby, a-loose,

**Chapter 2:**

**Vocabulary:** squirting, scooching, blubbery, lavatory, paradise, locomotive, Ticonderoga, urchins, coldcocked, sputtered, brute, twine, ingratitude, uplifted, conscience, plagues, vermin, assurance, terrified, apologies, wallop, vampire, asthma, padlock, nudged

**Hyphenated Words:** chug-chug-chugged, uh-oh, grown-ups, double-barreled, chicken-sounding

**Similes:** “I put my head down and started shooting apologies out like John Dillinger shoots out bullets.”

**Chapter 3:**

**Vocabulary:** terrified, commenced,budge,jackknife, budged, padlock, whacking, tussling, revenge, prickly, simmered,

**Hyphenated Words:** get-real-excited-and –want-to-move-around, stand-in-one-place-with-spit-drooling-down-the-front-of-your-shirt, back-stepped, wide-open, dried-out, yellow-jacket, four-hundred-foot, red-hot, fire-nail, fish-head, fish-guard, double-barrel

**Chapter 4:**

**Vocabulary:** crouched, torturing, cupboards, spigots, brim, twitched, valve

**Hyphenated Words:** grown-up,

**Similes:** “Quick as a rabbit I looked under the table to see if they’d moved my suitcase.”

“Todd’s bed stayed as dry as the desert.”

**Chapter 5:**

**Vocabulary:** tugging, twine, fumbling, midget, telegraph, midget, filth, horrid, intended

**Hyphenated Words:** nervous-looking, stung-up, fish-head, teeny-tiny, side-sag, six-shooter, twenty-five-gallon, arm-squeezing, face-looking, false-friendly, flower-to-be, flower-in-waiting

**Chapter 6:**

**Vocabulary:** privilege, raggedy, overall, grateful, squint, swopped, delicious, pocketbook, sprinkled, pouted

**Hyphenated Words:** uh-oh, seven-fifteen, square-shaped, nyah-nayh-nayh-nayh, ten-dollar-apiece, uh-uh-uh

**Chapter 7:**

**Vocabulary:** cellar, whiff, drowsy, hypnotizing, drooling, slobber, lending, retrieve, matrimonial, radiating, gait

**Hyphenated Words:**  brand-new, smack-dab, dried-up, uh-oh, librarian-type, fifty-four, crunched-up

**Chapter 8:**

**Vocabulary:** hoodlum, lam, bound, criminal, mouth organ, raggedy, delicious, sardines, muskrat, crawdads, lugged, kin, orphanage, wiry, dodging, dimple, dandelion, greedy, fidgety, alias

**Hyphenated Words:** jack-knife, half-dead, circle-talking, cross-talking, beat-up, a-loose, five-fifteen, coal-black, lily-livered, clothes-washing, yellow-belly, Little-Big

**Similes:** “The baby sounded like all those new sick babies at the Home, it was coughing like it was a half-dead little animal.”

“The only thing I could see was the moon like a big egg yolk way up in the sky.”

“I was thinking, Deza’s momma was right, someone who doesn’t know who their family is, is like dust blowing around in a storm, they don’t really belong any one place.”

“The locomotive was hissing and spitting coal-black smoke into the sky, every once in a while a big shower of sparks would glow up from inside the dark cloud, making it look like a gigantic black genie was trying to raise up out of the smokestack.”

**Songs:** Shenandoah

**Stories:** Billy Goats Gruff, Fox and the Grapes, Dog That Saw His Reflection in the Water, Little Red Hen, Man with the Giant Fiddle

**Chapter 9:**

**Vocabulary:** impressed, devoured, growling, embarrassed, sneaked, accordion, boisterous

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-four, bad-lucked, roach-infected, sure-enough, no-momma

**Chapter 10:**

**Vocabulary:** muffler, rustle, crunching, peeked, puny, ventriloquists, squatted, spare, dangling, hypnotized, fetch, ease, delicious, exclamation points, snatched, wrestled, telegram

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-four, toady-frogs, hide-and-go-seek, noise-making, two-thirty, brown-skinned, bum-rush, Bud-not-Buddy

**Chapter 11:**

**Vocabulary:** commenced, knuckle, mumbled, leaned, scooted, grateful, horrible, getaway, glimpse, shoved, glugged, swishing, paltry, knickers, puny, tatters, impressed, guarantee, noggin, cuffs, scrawny, gluggled, porter

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-four-karat, grapefruit-sized, two-thirty, peanut-head, chewed-up, no-nonsense, half-sister, full-grown, mixed-up, oh-ho, well-mannered, put-up-your-dukes, grown-up, swear-‘fore-God

**Chapter 12:**

**Vocabulary:** flimsy, Western Union, telegram, resourceful, errands, crouched, alias, brim, loathsome, snatched, loot, refreshments, confidential, negotiating, dignity, familiar, reputation, moldering, mellowed, exaggerating, kin

**Hyphenated Words:** stick-up, sit-down, chopped-down, hand-deliver, tired-sounding, glass-smooth, teeny-weeny, head-wiping

**Chapter 13:**

**Vocabulary:** jammed, rehearsing, restaurant, butterfingers, denying, festering, sobbing, shunned, meddling, prying,

**Hyphenated Words:** grown-ups, nuh-uh, uh-oh, one-way, long-lost, lip-flapping, big-mouth, funny-shaped, twenty-six, cling-clang-clinging

**Similes:** “Was your momma as old as sand when she had you?”

**Chapter 14:**

**Vocabulary:** reserved, acquaintance, puffing, infected, lopsided, welt, dukes, stampede, impress, dribbles, dangling, flinging, tremendous, valve, reputation

**Hyphenated Words:** ringed-up, fish-head, ring-covered, shake-a-shake-a-shaking, smells-like-heaven, bald-headed, chug,chug,chugging

**Similes:** “She touched underneath my eye as light as a feather.”

**Chapter 15:**

**Vocabulary:** pleaded, suspicious

**Hyphenated Words:** monster-size, ghost-blocking, hard-up

**Saying:** “Before you could say Jack Robinson.”

“X marks the spot.”

**Stories:** The Three Little Pigs, The Little Red Hen

**Chapter 16:**

**Vocabulary:** sparkles, pulse, conked, embarrassing, gigantic, chores, wiry, grip, attached, copacetic, dent,

**Hyphenated Words:** clump-clump-clumped, inside-the-house, funny-looking, dried-up, embouchure, complicated, grateful, mysterious, proceed, performance, nominate, obviously, propose, compromise, musings, prodigy

**Similes:** “But that explained why I was sleeping so hard, I found out one of rich people’s secrets: sleeping with two sheets puts you out like a baby that’s been rode around in a automobile.”

**Chapter 17:**

**Vocabulary:** wring, slacking, commencing, rumbly, drift, swirled, sparkling, fade, curtsey

**Hyphenated Words:** dag-bum-it, clear-mop

**Stories:** 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

**Sayings:** “Faster than you can say Jack Robinson.”

**Chapter 18:**

**Vocabulary:** offended, struggler, compromise, gigs, polkas, waltzes, nudging, rummaging, snatch, squatted

**Hyphenated Words:** eighty-eights, crumbling-up, right-hand, left-hand, twenty-five, swear-‘fore-God, can’t-decide-which,-hand-to-smack-you-with-look, smart-mouthed

**Chapter 19:**

**Vocabulary:** insinuating, tragedies, hue, handkerchief, ornery, sacrifice, merchandise, clamped

**Hyphenated Words:** easy-go,brand-new, sting-y-eyed, baby-size, Mr. Three-Weeks-from-Now, boo-hooing

**Sayings:** “bet you dollars to doughnuts”

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**Title:** A Long Way from Chicago

**By:** Richard Peck

**A Newberry Honor Book**

**First Line:** “You wouldn’t think we’d have to leave Chicago to see a dead body.”

**Last Line:** “I waved long after the window filled with darkness and long distance.”

**Shotgun Cheatham’s Last Night Above Ground (1929)**

**Vocabulary:** massacre, reputation, corpse, tykes, privy, cobhouse, tumbledown, snaggletoothed, stroll, prohibition, obituary, sparked, loaf, gossip, kin, suspicious, citified, clenched, reprobate, caldron, penitentiary, notched, grudge, fetched, quail, sty, peddlers, suspected, lurking, pounce, pauper, nudged, fleeting, hovered, rebels, yanking, whoppers, marksman, philanthropist, fumbled, scribbling, staggering, obliged, sawhorses, milled, overalls, forage, corpse, gauze, flinched, authority, insane asylum, dispersed, drooped, wedged, doze, lolled, tapered, rustle, trembled, twitched, rippled, wad, snagged, feeble, depths, desperate, strangling, galloped, riveted, tarry, scattered, savoring, trudged, courtesy, gloat, ponder

**Hyphenated Words:** horse-drawn, human-interest, no’-count, half-cooked, humped-over, cross-eyed, fly-paper, twelve-gauge, double-barreled, sharp-faced, door-to-door, sixty-two, government-issue, pump-action, big-time, kill-crazy, war-hero, grown-ups, cellar-cool, burned-powder, twelve-gauge

**Sayings:** “heard it on the grapevine”

“pull the wool over the (reporter’s) eyes”

**Connect:** “visions of Shotgun’s Civil War glories no doubt dancing in his head”

“he’d probably used up eight lives already”

**Songs:** Rock of Ages

 **The Mouse in the Milk (1930)**

**Vocabulary:** dawned, annual, depict, drowsing, sulking, torpedo, clenched, smithereens, wafted, tragic, strolled, whimpered, civilization, consolation, smother, galoot, flitting, whoppers

**Hyphenated Words:** baby-waker, you-know-what, double-barreled,

**Connect:** Charles Lindbergh/Spirit of St. Louis

**A One-Woman Crime Wave (1931)**

**Vocabulary:** drifters, skittish, wafting, swaying, lanterns, slumping, anchored, veil, chiggers, bamboo, Decoration Day, glances, linger, delicacy, douse, gunnysack, hitched, trooped, tassels, veered, horizon, mirage, trespassing, snagged, shimmied, burrs, pivoted, forbidden, deserted, stagnant, lolling, drifting, writhed, coil, keen, sapling, crouched, applying, flung, relentlessly, muttered, stifled, plunged, heaved,

Contraption, expanded, gliding, dedicated, warbled, quartet, chiming, nudged, sagged, droopy, grisly, long johns, droopiest, toppled, teetering, prim, stern, scandalized, bluff, tramped, lugged, flinched, shawl, larder, kindling, daze, luxury, gasolier, spryer, tendrils, peered, flue, sty, dawdle, clenched, brisk, staggering, whimpered, lugged, drifters, loafers, spatula, bellowed, jurisdiction, bulged, pudgy, larceny, morsel

**Hyphenated Words:** right-of-way, woven-wire, home-canned, home-baked, barbed-wire, worn-out, snub-nosed, round-eyed, good-sized, low-hanging, wire-and-net, five-dollar, old-time, great-great-aunt, dining-room, well-off, right-of-way, hollowed-eyed, one-woman, silver-dollar

**Songs:** Camptown Ladies

Sweet Adeline

**Similes:** “You’re all over me like white on rice.”

**The Day of Judgment (1932)**

**Vocabulary:** reconciled, stemming, staggered, recommenced, forecloses, benediction, clasped, throbbing, tart, gritty, reeked, galleon, cameo brooch, glared, transfixed, twinkled, reflected, burgoo, heifer, huskers, combines, rickety, puttees, megaphone, maneuvers, plucking, averted, crimped, quaked, puttering, trowels, sweltering, quivered, burst, beaming, consoling, peaked, mahogany, propeller, pocketbook, hoist, clutching, spectacle, spurted, pummeled, celestial, yearning, stuttering, torment, famine, dainty, sternest

**Hyphenated Words:** high-heeled, bread-and-butter, twenty-five-pound, ready-made, Anti-Horse-Thief, merry-go-round, red-faced, prize-day, canvas-covered, half-sized, lattice-topped, gray-green, nice-looking, home-baker, scariest-looking, pilot-style, heavy-burdened

**The Phantom Brakeman (1933)**

**Vocabulary:** Nehi, vat, twine, scarce, strides, demon, poise, proprietor, crocheted, plunged, wispy, confounded, stunned, sly, stalked, bonnet, cashmere, bouquet, scuttles, lye, vanish, embers, tripod, scanned, horizon, smudge, pried, ignorant, superstitious, phantom, skidded, departing, pry, hunkered, carve, unfurl, buckboard, galloping, chore, jangle, swerved, savage, queried, doorsill, rage, strangled, shied, wilting, Adam’s apple, glared, spectacles, bewitched, lurked, clutching, snagged, wheezing, interference, limped, bulged, milling, piercing, shriek, hover

**Hyphenated Words:** twenty-five, sheet-metal, tap-dancing, good-lookin’, air-conditioning, toughest-looking, old-time, straw-hatted, strange-smelling, half-cracked

**Similes:** “That Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is plain as a mud fence.”

“She was that skinny, and pale as a ghost.”

**Connect:** Shirley Temple

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Herbert Hoover

**Things with Wings (1934)**

**Vocabulary:** squint, bulging, valise, foreclosing, spree, morgue, souvenirs, bloated, sulked, cadaver, loped, anvil, blundered, shimmering, sedan, hubcaps, merged, frazzle, belfry, peony, loomed, swig, flurry, pivoted, plunged, fraying, surrendered, vicinity, seersucker, clutched, taut, pondered, bogus, reallocate, sacred, valise

**Hyphenated Words:** once-in-a-lifetime, half-asleep, day-old, half-price, Bric-a-Brac, down-to-earth, one-pump, showroom-fresh, four-door, man-sized, ninety-five, top-of-the-line, black-smith, first-run, belly-busting, pale-faced, three-legged, coal-oil, fair-going, strict-looking, one-hundred-percent, five-dollar, long-lost, store-sized, so-called, wide-mouthed, so-called, two-dollar, double-dealing, four-flushing, moth-eaten, twenty-five

**Centennial Summer (1935)**

**Vocabulary:** centennial, churn, eaves, wilted, brittle, lapels, fringe, cuff, posing, bustle, dainty, treadle, spectacle, haunches, girdled, gallivantin, glorious, deceive, sprawled, pondered, conspiring, trudged, stalked, shawls, piddling, shriveled, merrymakers, marveled, stifled, fidget, encore, britches, suspender, pudgy, spatter, applause, intermission, portable, Victrola, tuxedo, elegant, curtsy, stunned, thronged, bugle, corps, bounty, drooping, mustaches, platoon, stature, breathtakingly, trundling, brandishing, clodhopper, teetered, forage, spectacle, brawling

**Hyphenated Words:** old-time, coal-oil, cut-velvet, boot-lace, nice-looking, tin-type, high-heeled, ninety-year-old, high-school, pom-pom, rum-tum-tum, tree-topping, chicken-plucking, cook-off, mother-daughter, look-alike, three-legged, high-topped, old-time, a-flappin’, half-sick, turn-table, swooped-up, high-school, tractor-drawn, Anti-Horse-Thief, old-time, three-legged, old-fashioned, twelve-guage, half-asleep

**The Troop Train (1942)**

**Vocabulary:** telegram, propped, blazed

**Hyphenated Words:** jack-o-lantern

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**Title:** The Secret Garden

**By:** Frances Hodgson Burnett

**Illustrated by:** Tasha Tudor

**First Line:** “When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody sais she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen.”

**Last Line:** “And by his side with his head up in the air and his eyes full of laughter walked as strongly and steadily as any boy in Yorkshire – Master Colin!”

**Chapter 1: There’s No One Left**

**Vocabulary:** tyrannical, governess, stammered, passion, slunk, veranda, scarlet, hibiscus, disdaining, imploringly, appalling, cholera, fatal, bungalows, bewilderment, hastily, drowsy, compound, desolation, startled, companions, rustling

**Hyphenated Words:** disagreeable-looking, flower-bed, dining-room, panic-stricken

**Similes:** “She heard something rustling on the matting and when she looked down she saw a little snake gliding along and watching her with eyes like jewels.”

**Chapter 2: Mistress Mary Quite Contrary**

**Vocabulary:** clergyman, shabby, quarreling, snatching, bungalow, impudent, contrary, cockle shells, marigolds, desolate, hunchback, horrid, deserted, bonnet, limp, straggled, crepe, brisk, moor, trifle, frocks, cease

**Hyphenated Words:** self-absorbed, turned-up, seven-year-old, boarding-school, good-naturedly, black-gloved, marred-looking, window-panes

**Chapter 3: Across the Moor**

**Vocabulary:** glistening, waterproofs, lulled, parcels, brougham, vicarage, jolt, heather, gorse, vault, immensely, massive, manservant, husky, corridor, unceremoniously

**Hyphenated Words:**  station-master, good-natured, shop-window, up-hill, rough-looking, low-growing, good-tempered

**Chapter 4: Martha**

**Vocabulary:** cinders, tapestry, embroidered, turrets, inquired, obsequious, servile, haughtily, imperious, stoutly, indignantly, impudent, disdainfully, vexed, ancestors, subservient, swarm, moorland, incredulously, ignorance, indignant, pinafores, marmalade, coax, timid, desolate, perched, surly, coaxing, fledgling, conceited, imperious, spade, meddlesome

**Hyphenated Words:** hearth-rug, good-natured, good-natured-looking, scullery-maid, well-trained, grown-up, summer-time, flower-beds, fruit-trees, kitchen-gardens, winter-browned, bright-breasted, tree-top, kitchen-garden, weather-beaten, dew-drop, scarlet-waistcoated, apple-tree, heather-bells, rose-trees, good-by

**Chapter 5: The Cry in the Corridor**

**Vocabulary:** tapestried, disdainfully, porridge, orchard, preen, languid, drowsy, novelty, shuddering, buffeting, corridors, draft, ceased

**Hyphenated Words:** tree-top, kitchen-gardens, ivy-covered, hearth-rug, grown-up, scullery-maid

**Chapter 6: “There Was Some One Crying – There Was”**

**Vocabulary:** torrents, moithered, resent, perplexed, luxurious, pewter, abundant, romping, inspired, scarcely, contrary, scowl, authority, portraits, satin, velvet, gallery, frocks, ruffs, brocade, massive, embroidered, tapestries, ornaments, mahouts, palanquins, rustling, obliged, fretful, whine, muffled

**Hyphenated Words:** good-tempered, cow-shed, half-drowned, good-natured, sitting-room, hearth-rug

**Chapter 7: The Key of the Garden**

**Vocabulary:** ceased, arched, fleece, dialects, gorse, wistfully, trifle, reflectively, crocuses, slyly, indignantly

**Hyphenated Words:** snow-white, far-reaching, purple-black, spring-time, ‘nothin’-of-the-sort, gold-colored, far-off, kitchen-garden, rose-trees, ivy-covered, tree-tops, flower-bed, coaxed, satin, perennial, newly-turned

**Chapter 8: The Robin Who Showed the Way**

**Vocabulary:** languid, baffling, reflected, tuppence, mystified, impudence, obliged, swaying, trill, merely, adorably

**Hyphenated Words:** rose-trees, tree-tops, dough-cake, skipping-rope, old-womanish, half-way

**Chapter 9: The Strangest House**

**Vocabulary:** tendrils, swaying, hazy, mantle, flutter, arches, chirped, alcoves, urns, crocuses, snowdrops, daffodils, immensely, tremendously, estate, smothering, narcissuses jonquils, “daffydowndillys”, possession, spade, pondered, parsley, radishes, shillings, stout, dictated, drowsily, cushioned

**Hyphenated Words:** mysterious-looking, rose-bushes, far-reaching, fairy-like, leaf-bud, tree-top, skipping-rope, moss-covered, hearth-rug, eye-teeth, flower-bed, tea-time, tea-tray, scullery-maid, far-off

**Chapter 10: Dickson**

**Vocabulary:** absorbed, steadily, sprouting, sarcastic, ventured, reluctantly, stammered, tremulous, trowel, clumsy, mignonette, intently, flout, chap, sidled, fiercely, lads, clutch, passionately, exclamation, obstinate, imperious, laurel, pitying, defiantly,

**Hyphenated Words:** fairy-story, tail-feathers, hob-nailed, laurel-hedged, rust-colored, rusty-red, poppy-cheeked, good-humoredly,

**Similes:** “He looked very clean and his nose turned up and his cheeks were as red as poppies and never had Mistress Mary seen such round and such blue eyes in any boy’s face.”

**Chapter 11: The Nest of the Missel Thrush**

**Vocabulary:** alcoves, lichen, reverent, exultantly, bough, industriously, quivers, trowel, exultantly, stoutly, Lilies of the valley, Canterbury bells, campanulas, spiteful, obliged, stifle, courtyard, mournfully, victuals, rind, distended

**Hyphenated Words:** dry-looking, lifeless-looking, bean-stalk, white-thorn, rusty-red, turned-up, half-way, poppy-colored

**Chapter 12: “Might I Have a Bit of Earth?”**

**Vocabulary:** ruffled, exultantly, trifle, obstinately, brooch, tidy, fretfully, scarcely, governess, stammered, rouse, tremulously, wretched, liberty, romping

**Hyphenated Words:**  absent-mindedly, skipping-rope, good-by, good-hearted, healthy-minded, five-mile, rose-bush

**Chapter 13: “I Am Colin”**

**Vocabulary:** missel thrush, torrents, lulled, rebellious, ancient, immense, agate, faltered, mystified, ventured, wretched, stammered, invalid, splendid, obliged, accustomed, ceased, drowsy, doze, persisted, immense, clutched, pleaded, clambored

**Hyphenated Words:** far-off, four-posted, half-frightened, fire-light, hidden-away, safe-hidden, rose-colored

**Chapter 14: A Young Rajah**

**Vocabulary:** vexed, protested, roused, agitated, bewitched, raved, rheumatic fever, typhoid, brocaded, faltered, pleaded, curtsy, superb, hideous, boasted, obstinately, reproachfully

**Hyphenated Words:** picture-books, dressing-gown, snake-charmer, skipping-rope, ten-year-old, black-lashed

**Chapter 15: Nest Building**

**Vocabulary:** waft, fluting, quivering, herbaceous, unfurling, plumaged, tousled, scarcely, rook, obliged, rapture, gauze, veil,

**Hyphenated Words:**  spring-time, sky-larks, caw-caw, blue-black, apple-tree, rust-red, nest-buildin’, bushy-tailed, close-grown, red-breasted, mate-huntin’, sweet-temperedly, far-off, four-posted, ivory-white, black-rimmed, rose-bushes, dew-bright

**Chapter 16: “I Won’t!” Said Mary**

**Vocabulary:** pruned, perched, cawed, tweaked, exultantly, doleful, condescended, obstinate, retorted, sneered, ferociously, contradicted, indignation, spite, invalid, astonishment, handkerchief, vixen, hysterics, ails, unrelenting

**Hyphenated Words:** self-sacrificing, tree-tops, gold-colored, ill-tempered, rough-and-tumble, picture-books, obliged

**Similes:** “He was not strong enough to throw it far and it only fell at her feet, but Mary’s face looked as pinched as a nutcracker.”

**Chapter 17: A Tantrum**

**Vocabulary:** shivering, restrain, contradict, gasping, savage, atom, writhe, huddled, heaving, solemn, twitching, intently, ignorant, ventured, gulped, resented, appealingly, reluctance, relented, drone

**Hyphenated Words:** grown-up, four-posted, old-fashioned, long-drawn, soft-hearted, half-way

**Chapter 18: “Tha’ Munnot Waste No Time”**

**Vocabulary:** inspiration, pitifully, chap, solemnly, scarcely, bearable, delightfulness, modify, dialect, proceeded, wench, graidely, boughs, inquiring, triumphantly, echoed, corridor, astonished, muzzling, velvet, wiry, whinnied, warrant, detested, implored, clutched, indignantly, enraptured

**Hyphenated Words:** turned-up, apple-tree, un-hysterical

**Chapter 19: “It Has Come!”**

**Vocabulary:** dreaded, detested, irritably, trifle, salaams, unscrupulous, dialect, soothing, perplexed, signet, spared, volubly, luxuriously, waft, stifling, concealing, recluse, austerely, bleat, ravenous, ecstasy, excursions, preference, columbine, snapdragon

**Hyphenated Words:**  blood-vessel, self-indulgence, sour-faced, pink-cheeked, rose-bushed, new-born, Rajah-like, snake-charmers, caw-caw, new-born, dressing-gown, tight-curled, feeding-bottle, hearth-rug

**Chapter 20: “I Shall Live Forever”**

**Vocabulary:** scuffle, rational, elaborately, uncanny, menagerie, leniently, impudence, undignified, servitor, hoarsely, trample, morbid, wafts

**Hyphenated Words:** water-rats, field-mice, chair-carriage, flower-beds, “bedding-out plants”, feeding-lamb, water-gardens, good-natured, new-born, Red Riding-Hood

**Chapter 21: Ben Weatherstaff**

**Vocabulary:** majesty, immense, devote, radiantly, graidely, reigned, canopy, rhododendron, crumpets, domestic, hoarse, mellow, lances, luxuriously, indignant, outraged, protested, obstinately, torrent, beckoned, imperiously, haughtily, gnarled, scarlet, indignation, ignorant, tactless, quavered, endure, gabbled, falter, obediently, descended

**Hyphenated Words:** dawn-time, far-off, first-rate, plum-tree, snow-white, cherry-trees, apple-trees, red-breasted, close-grown, rust-red, tea-basket, black-rimmed, weather-wrinkled, watering-can

**Chapter 22: When the Sun Went Down**

**Vocabulary:** scarlet, crocuses, steady, testily, imperious, exultation, shrewd, condescended, obstinacy, trowel, persevered, exultantly, hobbled, chattered

**Hyphenated Words:** half-witted, watering-can, cherry-tree

**Chapter 23: Magic**

**Vocabulary:** overexert, peculiarities, brute, horrid, impartially, radiant, cease, crevices, unfurl, tint, hue, crimson, sheaves, alcoves, delphiniums, columbines, campanulas, poppies, gaily, defying, garlands, cascades, declared, unsheathe, acquaintance, revealed, promptly, fakirs, orator, proceeded, bonnet, chuckled, shrewd, devotees, canopy, majestic, inclined, gratified, solemnly, enraptured, dervishes, trifle, earnest, entranced, mingled, drowsily, doze, huddled, hobble, stumbling, procession, dignity, alcoves, paused, flushed, triumphant, stimulated, sternly, disrespectful, liberties, salute, twinkled, immensely, snubbed

**Hyphenated Words:** sun-dial, long-nailed, grown-up, straight-legged, long-eared, prayer-meeting, weak-backed, prize-fighter

**Chapter 24: “Let Them Laugh”**

**Vocabulary:** fading, twilight, tending, spare, mignonette, pansies, foxglove, crevice, glimpses, thrive, haze, reveal, domain, peering, indignant, chuckled, plump, invalid, heartily, revelation, cloak, unconsciously, mystified, annoyance, dignified, inspiration, bloated, fiercely, raging, soothed, irritate, regretfully, sizzling, tempting, desperation, pantry, bounteous, gratitude, grandeur, copious, draughts, hollow, mystic, imitated, steadied, trifle, disdain, brim, frothed, violently, repress, reproachful, glummest

**Hyphenated Words:** sweet-scented, nice-looking, half-witted, snow-white, cottage-made, grown-up, plum-tree, blossom-time, good-natured, ill-natured

**Chapter 25: The Curtain**

**Vocabulary:** indignantly, conveyed, immense, whirl, anxiety, gibberish, disconcerting, obliged, fledged, derived, indulgently, intervals, atrophied, unceasingly, restive, inspiration, inordinately, obedience, portraits, brocade, boudoir, pilgrimage, ramble, splendid, impress

**Hyphenated Words:** close-grown, heart-breaking, dew-bright, tree-tops, picture-gallery, rose-colored

**Chapter 26: “It’s Mother!”**

**Vocabulary:** abiding, incantations, devouring, ruddy, thrust, lectures, trowel, exultantly, rapturous, glanced, reverence, instinct, intently, obstinately, raspingly, vigor, savage, dappling, cloak, intruder, devoured, tremulously, mellow, fakirs, devour, gloating, bewildered, adoration

**Hyphenated Words:** half-resentful, rose-bushes, matter-of-fact, knock-kneed

**Similes:** “Dickon’s eyes lighted like lamps.”

**Chapter 27: In the Garden**

**Vocabulary:** century, astounding, wretched, detestation, hypochondriac, thistle, fiords, gentians, luscious, stagnant, reposeful, trooping, verdure, vaguely, marvel, villa, bowered, terrace, salver, drifted, raved, deformed, luxuries, languidly, furies, sovereign, ecstasy, nudging, soothing, brocaded, flustered, portal, scuffling, suppressed, extended, sheaves, embowered, defy, glimpse, shrewdly, cadence, yodel, massing, urgent

**Hyphenated Words:** yellow-faced, half-crazy, heart-broken, forget-me-nots, half-hours, four-posted, close-shut, half-insane, red-cheeked, step-ladder, ear-splitting, good-sized

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**Title: Tuck Everlasting**

**By: Natalie Babbitt**

**First Line:** “The road that led to Treegap had been trod out long before by a herd of cows who were, to say the least, relaxed.”

**Last Line:** “You’re safe. Forever.”

“A fearsome and beautifully written book that can’t be put down or forgotten.” – The New York Times

“Exciting and excellently written.” – The New York Times Book Review

“With its serious intentions and light touch, the story is, like the Tucks, timeless.” – Chicago Sun-Times

“Flawless in both style and structure.” – The Horn Book Magazine

“This book is as shapely, crisp, sweet, and tangy as a summer-ripe pear.” – Entertainment Weekly

**Back Cover:** “Is eternal life a blessing or a curse? That is what young Winnie Foster must decide when she discovers a spring on her family’s property whose waters grant immortality. Members of the Tuck family, having drunk from the spring, tell Winnie of their experiences watching life go by and never growing older. But when Winnie must decide whether or not to keep the Tuck’s secret – and whether or not to join them on their never-ending journey.”

**Chapter 1**

**Vocabulary:** trod, swayed, tangent, ambled, tranquil, bovine, veered, oppressive, meager, forlorn, gallows, accessible, dimensions, trespassing, bough, conceal, immense, fiery

**Hyphenated Words:** bee-hung, touch-me-not

**Similes:** “And that would have been a disaster so immense that this weary old earth, owned or not to its fiery core, would have trembled on its axis like a beetle on a pin.”

**Chapter 2:**

**Vocabulary:** dawn, melancholy, slack, tolerantly, vanished, petticoats, shawl, tarnished, brooch, rueful, strayed, drooping, brim, propped, ceased

**Hyphenated Words:** square-shaped, gray-brown, eighty-seven

**Chapter 3:**

**Vocabulary:** bristly, squatting, intrusions, grimace, twitch, resentful, thrusting, plucking, cooped, staggering, peered, exasperated, clung

**Chapter 4:**

**Vocabulary:** strolling, intent, apologetic, jaunty, dangled, gesturing, twitched, jerkily, marionette, suspended, twilight, charmed, echoed, retorted, peering, fading, squinted, suspiciously, tinkling, melody, seized, stiffened, eager, faintly, crowed, remnants, clung, reluctantly, intense

**Hyphenated Words:** self-deprecation, well-handled

**Chapter 5:**

**Vocabulary:** precisely, galling, disheartened, bolder, venture, merely, consolingly, timidly, interlacing, quivering, splotches, sturdy, tangled, nudged, vanished, abruptly, thrust, rumpling, glorious, trousers, grubby, silk, satin, suspenders, idly, scarcely, spurt, arching, resentful, protested, clearing, sternly, reluctantly, irrelevantly, primly, squinting, solemnly, persisted, plaintively, grasping, brooch, shawl, bleak

**Hyphenated Words:** green-velvet, self-absorbed, self-assurance, comfortable-looking

**Chapter 6:**

**Vocabulary:** kneeling, straddling, trotting, bridle, troupe, burly, pleaded, mercy, fiercely, angled, dazzling, perversely, merely, goggled, harness, abruptly, toppling, gasped, heaving, stumbled, fidgeted, outrage, implored, sobs, wails, weeping, distractedly, trembling, peering, revolving, faltered, plinked, painted roses, lilies of the valley, spite

**Hyphenated Words:** open-mouthed

**Chapter 7:**

**Vocabulary:** populated, shack, peculiar, shudder, tension, peered

**Hyphenated Words:** eighty-seven, twenty-two

**Chapter 8:**

**Vocabulary:** scornful, spite, elated, shimmered, receded, fantastic

**Hyphenated Words:** wide-eyed

**Chapter 9:**

**Vocabulary:** vivid, broiling, vanity, dozed, gratefully, scrubby, groves, vigorous, flung, brink, hoarding, reservoirs, Queen Anne’s lace, revived, perched, loomed, rutted, colander, penetrate, embankment, bulk, dazzling, trousers, displaced, melancholy, creases, solemnly

**Hyphenated Words:** mid-heaven, oft-repeated, barn-red, honest-to-goodness

**Chapter 10:**

**Vocabulary:** pitiless, assaults, limp, submission, fortress, indomitable, eddies, perilous, strewn, elderly, vast tipsy, cavernous, wardrobe, camphor, wisps, wavered, mirage, disarray, revolutionary, cluttered, saloons, burst, decent, emerging, hustled

**Hyphenated Words:** helter-skelter, soot-streaked, half-completed

**Chapter 11:**

**Vocabulary:** luxurious, elation, wobble, shivered, soothingly, surge, decisively

**Hyphenated Words:** out-of-doors

**Chapter 12:**

**Vocabulary:** ragged, trembled, boldly, hollow, silty, glided, dimpled, vanished, skittering, birches, wood thrush, caroled, current, drifted, reedy, dimensions, silhouettes, paling, hoarser, croaked, current, stern, edged, clumps, reeds, brambles, gurgled, protesting, raged, insulted, blurted, rigid, fiercely, slops, trample, peered, anguish, hunched, numb, lapped

**Hyphenated Words:** willy-nilly

**Similes:** “Just go out, like the flame of a candle, and no use protesting.”

“We just *are*, we just *be*, like rocks beside the road.”

**Chapter 13:**

**Vocabulary:** glowed, smoothed

**Chapter 14:**

**Vocabulary:** peculiar, consciousness, outrage, evidently, whirled, weeping, rehearsing, shrill, rustled, drifting, lingered, awkward, rumpled, adored, earnestly

**Hyphenated Words:** first-rate, sound-filled

**Chapter 15:**

**Vocabulary:** silvered, parlor, suspended, rhythmic, jiggling, destination, barbarian, gestured, crinkling, pleasantly, illiterates, constable, ordeal

**Hyphenated Words:** touch-me-not, clear-cut

**Chapter 16:**

**Vocabulary:** wheezed, courteous, suspiciously, cahoots, snatched, thumped, gleaming, slumped, companionable, dandy, chuckled, circuit judge, gallows, constable, twitched, annoyance, grudgingly, flanks, cantering, glowed, gander

**Hyphenated Words:** sun-up, family-proud, land-proud, star-lit, brand-new, close-lipped, ding-danged

**Chapter 17:**

**Vocabulary:** crumpled, dewy, peered, eagerly, loft, parlor, stern, cane poles, fluttered, propped, wobbled, fragrant, flicking, gliding, grated, overlapping, sparkled, guided, upturned, drift, trout, threadbare, clouded, peculiar, clutched, snappers, peril, arch, whipped, slack, rigid, searing, mosquito, absently, persisted, blotter, weep, protest, barbed

**Hyphenated Words:** scrubbed-looking, eighty-two, dead-set, rainbow-colored, meat-eaters

**Chapter 18:**

**Vocabulary:** flapjacks, blushed, grateful, fluttering, fleeting, untidy, alien, startled

**Hyphenated Words:** slug-a-bed, chip-strewn

**Chapter 19:**

**Vocabulary:** instantly, suspicious, formally, tarnation, mantel, hearth, soothing, gesture, possession, devote, drained, hoarsely, tension, parlor, immense, scarcely, flush, fraction, magnificent, grimly, fatal, petulance, appeal, gentlemanly, cluttered, shrilled, seized, rave, abruptly, midst, ghastly, clenched, constable

**Hyphenated Words:** patent-medicine, long-forgotten

**Chapter 20:**

**Vocabulary:** trembled, gasps, sprawled, leastways, limp, clenching, scorching, gnat, whined, wheezed, resentfully, echoed, unflinchingly, blazing, marionette, tangled, exploded, constable, envious, banquet, gallows, crumpled, clutching, grimly, slumped, swish, swaying, sagging, wheezing, emerging, cruelest

**Hyphenated Words:** ding-dang

**Chapter 21:**

**Vocabulary:** soothed, flinging, swooping, babbling, bewitched, flapjacks, mingled, reliably, ancient, precious, hint, horizon, throbbed, cradled, sprawled, murmur, acrid, eyewitness, propped, throbbing, fringes, pulsing

**Hyphenated Words:** sun-blanched, open-and-shut

**Chapter 22:**

**Vocabulary:** exertion, gingerly, aisle, brilliant, flick, parched, mingled, vanished, paled, dabbing, miraculously, squinted, clutched

**Chapter 23:**

**Vocabulary:** defeated, ponderous, remorseless, lapse, gentility, deliberately, haze, reluctantly, prostrate, lingered, rims, poised, notch

**Hyphenated Words:** brownish-yellow, underside-up

**Chapter 24:**

**Vocabulary:** accusations, detached, screeched, clanked, receded, heave, ebbed, swirling, protruding, brows, furrowed, flailing, exultant, trembling, precisely, grasped, obliging, wedged, crosswise, crackled, jagged, tension, parched, eased, vanished

**Chapter 25:**

**Vocabulary:** goldenrod, sedately, departure, profoundly, unwittingly, perversely, constricted, bustling, apprehension, accomplice, custody, wistful, staunchly, dandelion, gait, dangling, loping, revulsion, rigid, glistened

**Hyphenated Words:** touch-me-not, early-drying, downy-headed, cross-legged

**Epilogue**

**Vocabulary:** clattering, continuous, accustomed, shocking, coveralls, lounged, chuckled, clattered, verandah, antenna, gleamed, linoleum, rumbling, swivel, emerged, sipping, curlicues, hastily

**Hyphenated Words:** hot-dog stand, five-and-ten, fresh-water, feed-and-grain, wrought-iron, red-winged

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**Title:** M.C. Higgins, the Great

**By:** Virginia Hamilton

**Newberry Award Book**

“This is one of those rare books which draws the reader in with the first paragraph and keeps him or her turning the pages until the end.” – *Publishers Weekly*

**First Line:** “Mayo Cornelious Higgins raised his arms high to the sky and spread them wide.”

**Last Line:** “And it was rising.”

**Chapter 1:**

**Vocabulary:** furtively, flutter, commenced, humidity, clammy, oppressive, suspended, lingering, dawns, squinting, huddled, gallery, shivered, outcropping, tangled, undergrowth, avoided, striding, swiftly, piney, wafted, plunged, perspiring, lithe, boughs, inland, plateau, outcropping, currents, ginseng, ravine, abundance, glimpse, trances, peering, lure, chore, fluffed, trampled, weave, lattice, seepage, gurgled, swooshed, craned, swooshing, glided, meander, massive, entwined, shuddered, stalk, ponderous, depth, fretful, gashes, irritated, ceased, edgy, outskirts, suede, awed, abruptly, shriveled, festering, ancient, scrambled, ravine, stalking, heightened, elk, endured, ingenious, rutted, broadened, plateau, angled, inclines, veered, quail, bobwhites, drone, katydids, gnats, whined, stalk, slipknots, warily, stride, gully, barren, gleam, clambering, veered, sweetbrier, arbor, beacon, glistening, abandoned, flaw, tint

**Hyphenated Words:** picture-framed, oak-brown, half-hidden, turkey-gobbled, baby-soft, odd-looking, tongue-tied, black-shiny, swish-swish, light-colored, bone-dry, half-circle, seventy-foot, half-congealed, deep-foot

**Chapter 2:**

**Vocabulary:** shuddered, inkling, abandoned, fleeting, effortlessly, concealed, haze, veiled, trance, nagged, seeped, premonition, nestled, cirque, amphitheater, grottoes, commence, paring knife, summit, etched, vanished, extended, exertion, surge, wringing, creases, fatigue, bog, desolate, configuration, nestled, desolate, plague, menace, jutting, canteen, dangling, heap, reluctantly, swiveled, absorbing, seepage, drenched, wilted, flexed, agonizing, dangle, gingerly, awkward, acrobat, grimly, eagerly, intended, plateau, fatigue, plunged, gestured, briar, loomed, clutched, flicked, hoarsely, glimpse, cirque, squinting, parched, swig, cellophane, gobbled, shimmied, expanse, foliage, snickered, gully, smugly, stifling

**Hyphenated Words:** sheet-metal, great-grandmother, run-off, half-hungry, stick-like, height-sick, five-acre, how-do, dirt-caked, long-sleeved, barn-dried, matter-of-fact, no-sir, gray-brown, picture-painting, good-sized, quarter-inch, pole-setter, second-hand, racked-up, turn-offs, egg-salad, half-hidden

**Chapter 3:**

**Vocabulary:** impelling, yodel, yearning, cadence, sassy, totem, emerged, sweetbrier, spindly, marvelous, cherish, vague, grind, ceased, hearth, summit, skidded, heathen, phantom, hurtled, gingerly, arbor, concealed, spigot, valves, soldered, searing, spasms, sparring, shimmy, abiding, splayed, paring knife, reverie, silhouette, piercing, vibrations

**Hyphenated Words:** hard-looking, beat-up, strip-mining, handle-bars, salt-stiff, dollar-dollar, hot-water, fooling-around, hard-edge, wood-burning, play-fighting

**Similes:** “The mill whistle rose like a welt on the air as the three Higgins children moved away from the cirque and lake.”

“Sitting so still, he looked like a totem.”

“Once, just before noontime, he thought he’d heard it, growling like a mountain coming to life.”

**Chapter 4:**

**Vocabulary:** foreman, eased, whiff, gusting, fidgeting, stifle, tranced, vanished, intensity, eternal, vaguely, blurted, veered, conjured, courting, yodel, contralto, prompting, whiff, encircled, strutting

**Hyphenated Words:** Fels-Naphtha, back-pack, red-rimmed, across-river, late-day, bare-handed, great-grandmother, dusty-still, a-laboring, great-great-grandmother, shoulder-high

**Chapter 5:**

**Vocabulary:** reverie, vivid, blotted, stalking, kindling, bloodcurdling, swaying, smoldering, slitting, premonition, friction, searing, veering, pleading, slithering, lured, barren, resignedly, playacting, shallow, unsheathed, impulsively, wary, viciously, slash, thrust, sequential, propelled, crackling, despised, wrench

**Hyphenated Words:** hey-hey, man-hewn

**Chapter 6:**

**Vocabulary:** commotion, revelation, glumly, vaguely, pestering, crimson, velvet, plush, embassy, remnant, parlor, pry, cassette, quaver, cadence, impenetrable, topsoil, amiably, momentum, merely, tension, awkward, incredulously, peered, dawned, fluttered, vaguely, hovering

**Hyphenated Words:** half-light, wall-to-wall, wide-set, sun-drenched, unheard-of, wide-eyed, yay-o, age-old, low-land, great-great-grandmother, run-off, matter-of-fact, leave-taking, off-hand

**Chapter 7:**

**Vocabulary:** murk, irritating, muffled, desperately, piney, murk, eerie, immense, saplings, brooding, tinted, plateau, sickle, thrust, clotted, ginseng, commenced, sheen, ceased, penetrate, dappled, brazenly, bewildering, premonition, comical

**Hyphenated Words:** one-piece, work-a-day, death-still, shoulder-length, mud-earth, well-thought-out, burnt-up, bone-colored, odd-shaped

**Chapter 8:**

**Vocabulary:** smirked, mocking, glinting, peeved, reluctantly, bewildered, melancholy, remorseful, casually, simultaneously, plunged, skittish, creased, lopsided, vaguely, thicket, surge, vanished, stifle, cringed, bottleneck, smirking, tendons, intruder, rigid

**Hyphenated Words:** single-edge, bad-looking, healthy-looking, ever-widening, cut-off, Band-aids, nice-looking, self-conscious, forty-five

**Chapter 9:**

**Vocabulary:** possessed, gaping, imprint, scissoring, futilely, propelled, hurl, dislodge, collapse, gagging, harsh, heaving, glided, bile, thrusting, jagged, smirking, stifling, clenched, canvas, fluttering, tension, pleaded, bedraggled, descending, vague, vice, baiting, sleeker, bedraggled, plush, amiably, steadied, indignant, clomping

**Hyphenated Words:** dog-paddling, half-mile, belly-flat, half-slid, half-smiled, silver-bright, thirteen-year-old

**Similes:** “Then a sudden surge of strength, like a second wind.”

“M.C. shot out of the tunnel like a cork from a jug of cider.”

“It was a grip like a vise, twisting M.C.’s arm and scaring him out of his wits.”

**Chapter 10:**

**Vocabulary:** gnawing, grudgingly, sizzling, defiantly, nutmeg, outlandish, stalking, burlap, clutching, bulging, indignantly, huddled, guffawed, retreated, vaguely, aroma, saplings

**Hyphenated Words:** half-shriveled, skillet-fried, sweet-browning, half-slice, deep-fried, down-home, fifty-pound, seventy-five, super-shovel, super-teeth, cast-iron, life-saving, wide-eyed

**Chapter 11:**

**Vocabulary:** droning, grumble, gruesome, gully, swooshed, ancient, ginseng, ravine, swaying, twitch, hindquarters, whizzed, flung, pinhead, smirked, murmured, strata, descending, patina, unmarred, jagged, boulder, dissected, absorbed, sidled, cooperheads, slither, garters, blight, dazzling, vague, poised, resembling, lanky, chatter, regretful, staccato

**Hyphenated Words:** wide-eyed, lattice-weave, man-hewn, self-conscious, fifteen-acre, green-grass, second-hand

**Chapter 12**

**Vocabulary:** cornshucks, hub, jumble, dangling, commence, overalls, irritation, precariously, lagged, idly, plump, prosperous, uproariously, blundered, whitewashed, wavered, pungent, pyramids, shriveled, halo, tangled, clammy, quavered, amiably, cackling, blundered, gnarled

**Hyphenated Words:** half-gotten, six-inch, reddish-brown, twenty-three, single-server, plain-cooked, ninety-six, a-wrong, sweet-smelling, soft-spoken, brand-new, two-story, green-grass, rain-soaked, mid-motion

**Chapter 13**

**Vocabulary:** suede, snatches, despair, vanished, frayed, starched, molasses, reckoning, dissolve, sincerity, bleacher, acrobats, chuckled, squinted, shack, dogwood, strum, quiver, stubbornness, ignorance, sprouting, twilight, qualm, relish

**Hyphenated Words:** how-do, low-down, howdy-howdy, ring-song, wide-eyed, across-river, two-mile, beat-all, wood-offering, cook-stove, real-life, ring-song, howdy-howdy, ring-a-ling-ling, half-sung, mercy-mercy, hurrying-quiet

**Chapter 14**

**Vocabulary:** privie, corridors, ragamuffin, vanished, disembodied, keen, abruptly, clattered, ravine, glided, swirled, gagging, plunged, strained, gingerly, swayed, swooped, gouged, clamped, jagged, drooped, jabs, rancid, poised, fender, crankshaft, mound, mill, milkweed

**Hyphenated Words:** fussing-tired, cut-out, bare-hand, milk-white, good-by, turkey-gobbled, mist-shrouded

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**Title: The Great Depression** – Cornerstones of Freedom

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “The story of America has unfolded over a relatively short period of time, yet it has captured the world’s imagination ever since the Pilgrims first set foot on these shores. Founded on the highest principles, and sustained through hard work, sacrifice, ingenuity, and devotion, the American legacy has been passed on from one generation to the next.

 *Cornerstones of Freedom, Second Series* chronicles that legacy. Each volume conveys a dramatic and defining moment in American history, from colonial times to the present. While fun to read, the books are also highly factual and support the school curriculum. In addition, the series effectively enables young people to acquire critical research skills through the use of important reference features. *Cornerstones of Freedom, Second Series* is an exceptional and indispensable social studies resource for young readers.”

**Glossary:**

**Boxcars –** enclosed railroad cars with sliding doors on the sides

**Drought –** a long period without rain

**Economy –** the way a country runs its industry, trade, and finance

**Goods –** things that are bought and sold

**Migrants –** people who move often in search of work

**Nutrients –** loans from banks to buy houses

**Scavenge –** to search among garbage for food

**Stock –** a share, or piece, of a company that people purchase as an investment

**Stockbrokers –** people who arrange the sale and purchase of stocks

**Stock exchange –** a place where trading is conducted based on an organized system

**Stock market –** the money that is available for investment or trading

**Topsoil –** the top or surface level of soil

**Trading floor –** the area in a stock exchange where stockbrokers and investors buy and sell stocks

**Tycoons –** wealthy, powerful businesspeople

**Veterans –** people who have served in the U.S. armed forces

**Wall street –** site of the New York Stock Exchange and many of the companies that heavily influence the U.S. economy

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**Title:** Quest for the Tree Kangaroo – An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea

**Test by:** Sy Montgomery

**Photographs by:** Nic Bishop

**Back Cover:**

“It looks like a bear, but isn’t one. It climbs trees as easily as a monkey – but isn’t a monkey, either. It has a belly pocket like a kangaroo, but what’s a kangaroo doing up a tree? Meet the amazing Matschie’s tree kangaroo, who makes its home in the ancient trees of Papua New Guinea’s cloud forest. And join Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop as they journey with the scientists who track these elusive animals.

**Contents:**

A “Big Stuffed Animal” on a Stone Age Island

The Adventure Begins

Partners in Conservation

The Hike to Heaven

Welcome to the Cloud Forest

Life in the Bush

Man Na Meri

The Crucial Test

Conservation at Home – and Around the World

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**Title:** Children of the Great Depression

**By:** Russell Freedman

**Book Jacket:** “Life was hard for children during the Great Depression. People all over the country were suffering from lack of adequate food and shelter. Families couldn’t afford to keep their cars on the road or pay their electric bills. Kids had to do without new clothes, shoes, or toys, and many couldn’t attend school because they had to work. Some left home to ease their parents’ burden. Some had no home.

 These young people could only dream of a world where childhood was a time of innocence and play. Even so, life still had its bright spots – like favorite games and radio shows – that helped them remain upbeat and optimistic about the future.

 Drawing on memoirs, diaries, letters, and other first-hand accounts, acclaimed author Russell Freedman takes a close look at the lives of young Americans during a catastrophic era in our history. Richly illustrated with classic archival photographs by such notable photographers as Dorothea Lange and Walker Evans, here is a moving account that places the Great Depression in context and shows its human face.

**Contents:**

1 “The Sight of My Father Crying”

2 “Ill-Housed, Ill-Clad, Ill-Nourished”

3 In and Out of School

4 Kids at Work

5 “Okie, Go Home!”

6 Boxcar Kids

7 *The Lone Ranger and Captain Midnight*

8 A Brighter Tomorrow

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**Title:** Rose’s Journal – The Story of a Girl in the Great Depression

**By:** Marissa Moss

“[A] moving chronicle.” – ***The Horn Book Guide***

“Moss has done a fine job in research, and there is quite a bit of historical information packed into this short book.” – ***School Library Journal***

**Back Cover:**

January 1, 1935

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 1934 was a dusty, dry, hot year, so I say good riddance to it. When Grampa and Gramma came to visit, they gave me a journal. My brother, Floyd, got one, too. He wants to be an artist and is always scribbling. Father thinks Floyd is a silly dreamer. “Can’t eat those pictures you make, can you?” he says. But it doesn’t seem like farming’s filling our bellies these day, either. Will the rain ever come? – Rose, age 11

January 1, 1935

**Vocabulary:** heap, piney, fretting, tinsel, Sear Roebuck catalog, drought, stubble

**Similes:** “His face is like a door shut tight.”

January 3, 1935

**Vocabulary:** washboard, Charles Lindbergh, kidnapping, Bruno Hauptmann

January 13, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Amelia Earhart, newsreels, Pacific Ocean, Oakland, California, tilt

January 18, 1935

**Vocabulary:** trample, loft, heifer, stock

January 20, 1935

**Vocabulary:** dab, crocks, slathered, stale, corn cakes, feast, sampler, motto

January 26, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Tarzan, Tom Mix, Flash Gordon, newsreels, Shirley Temple, Bruno Hauptmann trial, Flemington, New Jersey, souvenirs, ladder, strike, breadlines, servants

January 30, 1935

**Vocabulary:** long johns, radio programs

February 10, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Will Rogers, Jack Benny, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Phantom, Dick Tracy, President Roosevelt, larder, fritters, custard

February 14, 1935

**Vocabulary:** feats, barbed wire, stalks, drought

February 18, 1935

**Vocabulary:** ungrateful, good-for-nothing, foolhardy, fortune, moaning, apple blossoms, wild verbena

February 23, 1935

**Vocabulary:** meadowlarks, hollowed, spunk, Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger, Al Capone, Pretty Boy Floyd

**Simile:** “Father’s not hollow, but he’s hard and gray and cold as stone.”

February 28, 1935

**Vocabulary:** tenant, harvested, kerosene, Chicago World’s Fair, rag doll, lantern

March 4, 1935

**Vocabulary:** plow, Sears Roebuck, scarce, comic, yarn doll

March 5, 1935

**Vocabulary:** grit, New York, Boston, duster, Mason jars, sludge, Vaseline, knead, whisk

March 10, 1935

**Vocabulary:** scald, churn, washtubs, misery, scarce, mangers, trough, coax

**Simile:** “He sits like a stone and stares into space.”

March 15, 1935

**Vocabulary:** gangsters, sleet, stinging, stumbled, wads, grime, haze, dosed, turpentine, static electricity

March 16, 1935

**Vocabulary:** suffocated, tangled, barbed wire fence, boarded-up, merchants, abandoned, Wizard of Oz, L. Frank Baum, twister, magical

March 19, 1935

**Vocabulary:** shoveling, adorable

March 20, 1935

**Vocabulary:** fuzz, tickled

March 21, 1935

**Vocabulary:** duster, California, patient

March 24, 1935

**Vocabulary:** photographer, scarce, herding, terror, rifles, cartloads

March 26, 1935

**Vocabulary:** burden, confide

April 1, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Buck Rogers, manure

April 14, 1935

**Vocabulary:** dawned, sow, wildflowers, eerie, skittish, fretful, horizon, smudge, whirled, gritty, stinging, whine, terrified, eddying, swirling, revived, hunky-dory

April 15, 1935

**Vocabulary:** scarce, grit, silted, mounded, suffocated, hitch, grime, miniature, ripples, dunes

April 17, 1935

**Vocabulary:** plague, Black Sunday

April 19, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Red Cross, emergency hospital, “dust pneumonia”, doses, Hunt’s Lightning Oil Liniment, H. & R. Cough Syrup, skunk grease

April 20, 1935

**Vocabulary:** “Last Man’s Club”, Dalhart, Texas, Keota, Kansas, haggard

April 24, 1935

**Vocabulary:** eye-opener, “on the rods” –meaning riding the rails, “railroad bulls” – meaning cops, “pipe the stem” – meaning ask for a handout, “bunk” – meaning sleep

April 30, 1935

**Vocabulary:** forced, starve, profit, herd

May 1, 1935

**Vocabulary:** explosions, pooled, nitroglycerin

May 8, 1935

**Vocabulary:** relished, yapping, slopped, skittish

May 10, 1935

**Vocabulary:** hobo jungles, soup kitchens, bum, comic strip artist

May 12, 1935

**Vocabulary:** skyscrapers, foreclosing, mortgage, satisfy, recent

May 13, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Sunday dress

May 16, 1935

**Vocabulary:** aflutter, gleamed, hightailed, miracle

May 23, 1935

**Vocabulary:** Fred Astaire, foreclosed, auction, bidder

May 24, 1935

**Vocabulary:** bid, gavel, justice, hubcap, preserves, berry cobblers

June 3, 1935

**Vocabulary:** battling, invasion

June 10, 1935

**Vocabulary:** diner, gulped, counterman

June 16, 1935

**Vocabulary:** sorghum seed

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**Title:** Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

**By:** Grace Lin

**Newberry Honor Book**

**First Line:** “Far away from here, following the Jade River, there was once a black mountain that cut into the sky like a jagged piece of rough metal.”

**Last Line:** “For even in the misty light, the goldfish man could see her smiling a secret smile up to the sky to where the mountain meets the moon.”

**Back Cover:** “Young Minli lives in the Valley of Fruitless Mountain, where she and her parents spend their days working hard in the fields. At night, Minli listens to her father’s tales about the Old Man of the Moon, who knows the answers to everything. Minli sets out on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon – he will know how she can bring good fortune to her family. Along the way, she meets many magical friends, including a talking fish, a powerful king, and a dragon who can’t fly!”

“Children will embrace this accessible, timeless story.” – *Booklist* (starred review)

“Minli emerges a stalwart female role model…during her amazing journey.” – *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

“The author’s writing is elegant, and her full-color illustrations are stunning…compelling and thoroughly human.” – *School Library Journal* (starred review)

**Chapter 1:**

**Vocabulary:** jagged, coax, tramp, twine, glossy, impulsive, meager, weariness, chopsticks, reverence, indignant, offended, resentfully, despair, drought, famine, withered, anguish, misery, pleaded, vowed, disobedience, sacrifice, transform, astonishment, impractical

**Simile:** “Ba seemed to drop his gray and work weariness – his black eyes sparkled like raindrops in the sun when he began a story.”

**Chapter 2:**

**Vocabulary:** grueling, painstakingly, basin, reflected, murmuring, chanted, coaxing, glimpse, jade, fiery, enviously, bow

**Similes:** “Her arms and legs were so tired that she felt like an old crab crawling on rocks.”

“The goldfish man’s cart was full of bowls of flashing fish that glittered like jewels.”

“His gentle calling drew Minli to him like a moth to a lit lantern.”

**Chapter 3:**

**Vocabulary:** resentfully, magistrate, brutal, fierce, pride, harsh, subordinates, ruthless, pitiless, wrath, coveted, imperial, inquiries, brocade, placidly, infuriated, engrossed, scrawls, scoffed, spat, embroidered, destined, cord, dumbfounded, obtain, remote, outwitted, amends, acquainted, oddity, scar, perished

**Simile:** “Minli stared down at her rice bowl: the few white grains left sat like precious pearls at the bottom of her bowl.”

**Chapter 4:**

**Vocabulary:** flickering, sparkled, joyful, twirling, ruefully, reeds, tumbling, enthralled, eager, despaired

**Similes:** “The village was quietly asleep and the stars above filled the sky like spilled salt on dried seaweed.”

“For a moment the fish seemed shocked and was still, like a flickering flame on a match.”

“The female voice was high and soft, like the wind whistling through the reeds of the water.”

**Chapter 5:**

**Vocabulary:** plotting, daze, obedient, bamboo, hollow, gourd, copper, shabby, shimmering

**Chapter 6:**

**Vocabulary:** feast, refused, clinging, foolishness, glance

**Chapter 7:**

**Vocabulary:** shrieking, hushed, weep, sobbed, trembled, accompanying, nimble

**Similes:** “But as Minli’s parents entered the house and read her note, Ma made a noise like a shrieking cat.”

“Her words cut into Ba like slices from a knife but, even though his faces was pained, he said nothing and continued to pack.”

**Chapter 8:**

**Vocabulary:** compass, sipped, sparingly, trickling, whimpered, waded

**Similes:** “The water was warm, like bathwater, and clear as glass.”

**Chapter 9:**

**Vocabulary:** stumbled, weariness, peered, flickering, swayed, steadied, fiercely, irritation, fury, resentment, filtered, veil, bitterness, miserable, ridiculous, fatigue

**Similes:** “The forest was full of shapes and shadows and only barely could he see the faint footprints on the ground – it was like searching for a wrinkle in a flower petal.”

**Chapter 10:**

**Vocabulary:** gaped, brilliant, twine, awed, sniffled, greedy, lychee nuts

**Chapter 11:**

**Vocabulary:** bound, magnificent, inkstone, subdued, magistrate, conceited, image, commissions, flaunt, authority, procession, humbly, tribute, gazed, awe, taxation, undertone, cruelty, greed, protest, shivered, hesitated, shuffling, leering, eagerly

**Chapter 12:**

**Vocabulary:** slivering, sparkles, stammered, sputtered, careworn, inexplicably, predictions, piercing, exclamations, wails, doubtful, aromas, delicacies, ornate, engrossed, beckoned, indebted, typhoon, fates, twinkling

**Similes:** “Under his gaze, Ma and Ba suddenly felt like freshly peeled oranges, and their words fell away from them.”

“Finally I said with a mouth as dry as sand, “Lao Lao, isn’t there anything I can do?”

“Ma and Ba stood and watched him until he looked like a twinkling star in the distance.”

**Chapter 13:**

**Vocabulary:** clutched, nimble, maneuver, awkward, swerved, trickled, dimming, clamoring, erupt

**Similes:** “If he stretched himself up on his arms and legs, he was as tall as a bird’s nest in a tree, she realized.”

**Chapter 14:**

**Vocabulary:** bribes, abruptly, slyly, screeched, shrieked, violently

**Similes:** “Don’t worry, “ Minli said, and with her eagerness she felt like the water she was boiling.”

“Through the rising steam, he could see the beady eyes of all the monkeys glittering through the branches like hundreds of diamonds as they watched as well.”

**Chapter 15:**

**Vocabulary:** exhaustion, canopy, guardian, multicolored, surrendering, porridge, household, bellowing, magistrate, scoffed, emissary, gracious, esteem rivals, astonished, covet, objection, flailing, enraged, scowled, irritation, shivered, snarled, deceive, scowled

**Similes:** “Stories of their happiness spread like seeds in the wind, sprouting and blooming everywhere, until finally even young Magistrate Tiger heard of them.”

“The lid of the box flew off and, like a freed butterfly, a single sheet of paper fluttered out.”

“As he stood like a green powdered statue, he felt as if the sky were laughing at him.”

**Chapter 16:**

**Vocabulary:** feasting, inlet, delay, wry, lotus, vast, tiered, placards, shrugged, majestic

**Similes:** “An enormous wall, like a giant patchwork curtain of stone, surrounded the thousands of houses of the city.”

“And almost glowing with the splendor of its red columns and golden top, a palace stood up over the clusters of buildings in the far center – like a glorious boat floating above the waves of the scalloped rooftop tiles.”

**Chapter 17:**

**Vocabulary:** gulped, bustling, wares, ignored, polished, loomed, forbidding, armor, reflecting, daunting, stern, quaked, vendors, wry, prank, emperor, lingering, tugging

**Similes:** “The streets were crowded and bustling; the city seemed to be bubbling with people like boiling rice.”

**Chapter 18:**

**Vocabulary:** maze, alleyways, shabby, rickety, meager, crude, sprawled, bamboo shoots, rustle, vaguely

**Simile:** “The sharpness of his expression softened like a flower blossoming, his small smile gentle.”

“The trees seemed to reach the clouds, the green grass felt like a silk blanket, and there was a lake of clear water, so pure and clean it looked as if it were a piece of the sky.”

“Her hair floated around her like a midnight halo and her white face looked like a star in the sky.”

“Your…your buffalo,” she said, and her voice was like flute notes in the air, “he’s sitting on my clothes!”

“I guess so,” she said, and she laughed like tinkling bells as we watched my big, lumbering buffalo make his way to the water.”

“It was funny how the buffalo boy’s whole manner changed when he talked about her – his vaguely mocking attitude and tough expression washed away and he lit up like a lantern.”

**Chapter 19:**

**Vocabulary:** graceful, delicate, intently, gestured, glanced, enthusiastic, sprawled, abundance, aglow

**Similes:** “She seemed to glow like a pearl in the moonlight and her deep blue silk dress seemed to be the same color as the sky.”

 **Chapter 20:**

**Vocabulary:** protest, ignorant, cautiously, weary, rippled creases

**Similes:** “A soft breeze seemed to blow in the moonlight, spilling it through the open window and lighting the bowl like a lantern.”

**Chapter 21:**

**Vocabulary:** gaping, mounds, abundance, courtyard, stall, flaunting, eggplants, hawthorne berries, arrays, tempting, snorted, farewell, wryly, spare, creaked, passersby, stingy, enchanting, luscious, plucked, urging, contentedly, dribbling, shrivel, vanished, somersaulted, chaos

**Similes:** “Glossy sugared hawthorne berries, like rubies on a stick, make Minli’s mouth water.”

“Get your buffalo out of here!” the vendor shouted, as red-faced as the radishes he was selling.”

“Like pink snow, the petals fell from the tree and made a soft carpet on the dirt.”

“Green leaves sprouted and, as they cascaded over the branches, pale moon-colored balls like pearls developed.”

“Almost as if they were small balloons being blown with air, they grew into round fruit, blushing pink and red as they developed.”

**Chapter 22**

**Vocabulary:** tattered, abandoned, pavilions, sculptures, humble, kowtow, intricate, benefactor, gnarled, clutched, declared, stuttered, commune, pavilion, courtiers

**Similes:** “And like a lid of a jewelry box, the door opened into a landscape of radiant colors.”

“The bamboo, pine, and plum leaves seemed to shine in the sun as if carved from emeralds, and the accents of the pink and red flowers were like nestled rubies.”

“A winding covered walkway lifted up from the cloudy water like a lotus flower.”

“Hundreds of footsteps were approaching, like falling rain from a thunderstorm.”

**Chapter 23:**

**Vocabulary:** elaborately, gingko, aromas, savory, tofu, intricate, remote, poetic, destined, grimly, bestowed, clutching, dumbfounded, delicate, scrawled, preciously, cherished, decipher, consults, cling, rustling, flutter, revered, ruthless, possession, serene

**Similes:** “As they walked, the patterned stone pathways gently massaged her feet and the sun seemed to disappear like a closing flower.”

“The image of the moon lay protected in the water like a glowing pearl, and the king stared at it deep in thought.”

“A wind skimmed the water, and Minli could see her anxious face as pale and as white as the moon reflected in it.”

**Chapter 24:**

**Vocabulary:** approached, halfhearted, scrutinizing, attained, snicker, corrupt, fracture, turbulent, violent, despaired, outstretched, pleading, destiny, bind, direst, renounced, exiled

**Similes:** “Big dragon trying to tiptoe like a mouse!”

“Bent and old, he glowed like a lit lantern.”

**Chapter 25:**

**Vocabulary:** despair, seeped

**Chapter 26:**

**Vocabulary:** pagoda, brocade, mosaic, prods

**Chapter 27:**

**Vocabulary:** barren, stark, crackling, pangs, snarled

**Chapter 28:**

**Vocabulary:** shutters, wavered, swayed, faltered, implored

**Chapter 29:**

**Vocabulary:** brutal, malevolence, viciousness, malicious, snarl, gashes, huskily, grimaced

**Similes:** “The tiger glared like a spoiled child.”

“Her quick-thinking mind darted like a flustered butterfly.”

**Chapter 30:**

**Vocabulary:** halted, misshapen, kowtow, cowered, outraged, wailing, sacrificed, immense, defy, pathetic, seething, fury, beckoning

**Chapter 31:**

**Vocabulary:** jutting, abandoned, smirked, faltered, glowered, ferociously, snarled, menacing, wrath, frenzy

**Chapter 32:**

**Vocabulary:** burst, clearing, clattered, beckoning, pace

**Chapter 33:**

**Vocabulary:** rasping, awe, winced, gashes, tonic, aroma, grimace, wind-burned, tangled, weariness, protested

**Chapter 34:**

**Vocabulary:** clumsy, merriness, dazzle, brilliance, contrast, hewed, gaze, wadded-cotton, ancestors, crimson

**Similes:** “The children laughed; their giggles were like bells playing in unison.”

“The trees were heavy with bright blossoms and as the wind blew through the branches, golden flowers showered down like rain.”

“Round and smooth, in the glowing light the raindrops looked like silver pearls!”

“Maybe in another hundred years all this stony land will be covered with trees and the mountain will be as golden as the Moon.”

**Chapter 35:**

**Vocabulary:** vast, ruins, appalled, shamefacedly, intertwined

**Chapter 36:**

**Vocabulary:** clamor, vaguely, tangy, taunted, vile, furiously, tormented, ancient, shattered, despair, peculiar, array, mangled, fragrance, soothed, vulnerable, hobbled, penance, ancestors, banished, gasped, devotion

**Similes:** “But she did remember the cozy, lovely feeling of falling into a bed, like holding a warm steamed bun on an icy day.”

“When she woke up, three round faces peered above her like plump peaches.”

“With the heaters and all of them crowded in the room, Minli felt as if she were in a warm oven of kindness.”

**Chapter 37:**

**Vocabulary:** alert, daze, platform, aroma, marveled, gash

**Similes:** “The fabric looked like plain cotton, but she felt as warm as if she had put on a thick fur.”

**Chapter 38:**

**Vocabulary:** harsh, brutal, vanished, sigh, tragedy, squawked, washbasin, hinges, destinies

**Similes:** “And Da-A-Fu, laughing with pure delight as they rode Dragon, looked like two ripe hawthorn berries.”
“Ye Ye walked from room to room and house to house, with the family following like a parade.”

**Chapter 39:**

**Vocabulary:** gorge, chagrined, dangle, destiny, succession, awed, strained, gasped, heaves

**Similes:** “She watched A-Fu’s braid fly in the air; as she pulled it down, the cut pieces of her sleeve flapped like the tail of a kite…”

“As the sky deepened like brewing tea, Minli and the dragon looked in silence at the red line reaching to the heavens.”

“And when the string became the width of Minli’s little finger, a strange clattering – like a wooden wind chime – filled the air.”

**Chapter 40:**

**Vocabulary:** Celestial River, chrysanthemum, luminously, flawless, dazzling, radiance, astonished, vault, chamber, frantic, vain, immortals, assortment, potent, heralded, flattery, impetuously, radiance, burst, fawning, pompous, infuriated, evading, blustered, pursued, commotion, chaos, flamboyant, disturbance, flustered, agitated, dismay, humbled, glimpse, serenity

**Similes:** “The wind blew gently, like the calming touch of a healer.”

**Chapter 41:**

**Vocabulary:** quivered, fragile, mass, destined, downcast, loom

**Similes:** “Minli stared at the vast length of the bridge, hanging, in the sky like a delicate red spiderweb.”

**Chapter 42:**

**Vocabulary:** astonished, gaping, silhouette, thrived, flourished, reaped, possessions, apprentice, adapt, cramped, beechwood, hut, tumbledown, filthy, abacus, pleaded, decline, aspired, obtain, destiny, shaft, barren, contentment, patience, shrugged, earnest

**Similes:** “And stretched before her in the distance, like a faraway coast, she saw a high wall that seemed to glow.”

“And in that circular passageway, a white rabbit stood like a jade statue.”

“As he chopped, the branches of the tree shook; leaves, blossoms, and seeds flew through the air and dropped into the water like raindrops.”

**Chapter 43:**

**Vocabulary:** disrupting, careworn

**Similes:** “Countless red threads covered the ground like intricate lace.”

“The silver hair of his beard seemed to flow like a glowing waterfall and disappear into the fold of his robe, and his dark eyes matched the blackness of the night sky.”

“And with a sound like a flapping of a bird’s wing, the clay figures moved – clearing a path for Minli.”

“Minli felt like a fish gasping for air.”

“The memories of the hard work in the rice fields, her father’s careworn hands, the plain rice in the dinner bowls, and Ma’s sighs washed upon her like the splashes of water from the lake.”

“And like seeds falling from Wu Kang’s tree, images of the Dragon rained upon her – their laughter as they passed the monkeys, his awkward struggles walking in the woods, his echoing roar as he flung the Green Tiger into the air, the kind hand he put on her shoulder when she cried, and the hopeful look in his eyes as she left.”

“Minli’s thoughts bubbled faster and faster like boiling rice; every step she took seemed to throb and Minli wasn’t sure if the pounding was her heart or Wu Kang’s axe in the distance.”

“Yet, now the paper was invisibly fastened in the book with only a thin line, like a scar, showing that it had ever been removed.”

“And suddenly, like the light when the clouds move away from the moon, Minli knew clearly what question to ask.”

**Chapter 44:**

**Vocabulary:** begrudged, barren, meager, resentment, envy, sulked, modest, bland, stifling, precious, compassion, burst

**Similes:** “The woman also remained unhappy; her displeasure grew like weeds – uncontrollable and tangling.”

“She was at last able to see that her daughter’s laughter and love could not be improved by having the finest clothes or jewels, that joy had been in her home like a gift waiting to be opened.”

“If necessary she would wait like the mountain that shadowed them.”

**Chapter 45:**

**Vocabulary:** clenched, spare, embraced, rippling, slashes, clattering, sputtered

**Similes:** “Every night the stars filled the sky like snowflakes falling on black stone and then melted away as the sun mounted.”

**Chapter 46:**

**Vocabulary:** revealed, coquettish, stunned, ginger, daze, rouse, sway, absentmindedly, sparse, chimed

**Similes:** “He seemed to dance in the air, and his happiness made her feel as light as the clouds around her.”

“Minli nodded and waved goodbye until the flowering trees looked like brush strokes of golden paint on the mountain.”

“It seemed as if in not time they were above the City of Bright Moonlight – from the sky, the Inner City and Outer City grids looked like a giant labyrinth, and the two stone guardians looked as if they were dog trinkets molded from clay.”

“But there was something familiar about that orange dragon, perhaps the way her scales reflected in the sun like fish scales glistening in water, and those knowledgeable eyes, nodding as if she knew her.”

“Moonlight misted over the rough floors and made the sparse room glow silver, the goldfish bowl looking like a second moon.”

“The shabby walls and worn stones seemed to shimmer as if a translucent silk veil covered them, muting any flaws and transforming the house into a dwelling of luminous light and delicate shadows.”

**Chapter 47:**

**Vocabulary:** grumble, brocade, reverently, awe, smudge, translucent, lustrous, clamoring, transformed, lushness, splendor, embracing, caressed, nurturing, clamored

**Similes:** “Minli? Minli! Ma and Ba’s happiness burst from them like exploding firecrackers and even before she could open her eyes they had flung themselves upon her.”

“The entire village had flowed into the street, talking and shouting like a flock of birds discovering a feast.”

“The wind softly caressed the newborn greenery with a nurturing breeze and skimmed the Jade River, the water now as clear as tears of joy.”

“Dragon was born from a painting, from paintbrushes and inkstones…and like an echo, Minli remembered Ma talking about the artist who had come to Fruitless Mountain many years ago.”

“But it was a sigh of joy, a sound of happiness that floated like a butterfly in the air.”

**Chapter 48:**

**Vocabulary:** frolicking, rippled, elaborately, indulgently, wares, prosperity, pantaloons, foreign, embroidered, prosperous, clamored, peering

**Similes:** “The water in the fishbowls rippled and waved as the fish gazed calmly; their brilliant colors against the abundant green land glinted like gold and jade.”

“As he pushed his cart down the narrow street, lively children dressed in gay colors flew toward him like a festival of silk kites.”

“As he glanced upward, he realized the courtyard was like a well for the sky – the stars and night seemed to flow into it endlessly.”

“Light from the house streamed through the lattice-patterned doors, illuminating the enclosure like a lit lantern.”

“The moonlight washed over everything like a rich bath of gold and silver, making the fish shimmer like pearls and the girl glow with a magical glory reserved for the stars of heaven.”

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**Title:** Native American Stories

**Told by:** Joseph Bruchac

From **Keepers of the Earth** by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac

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