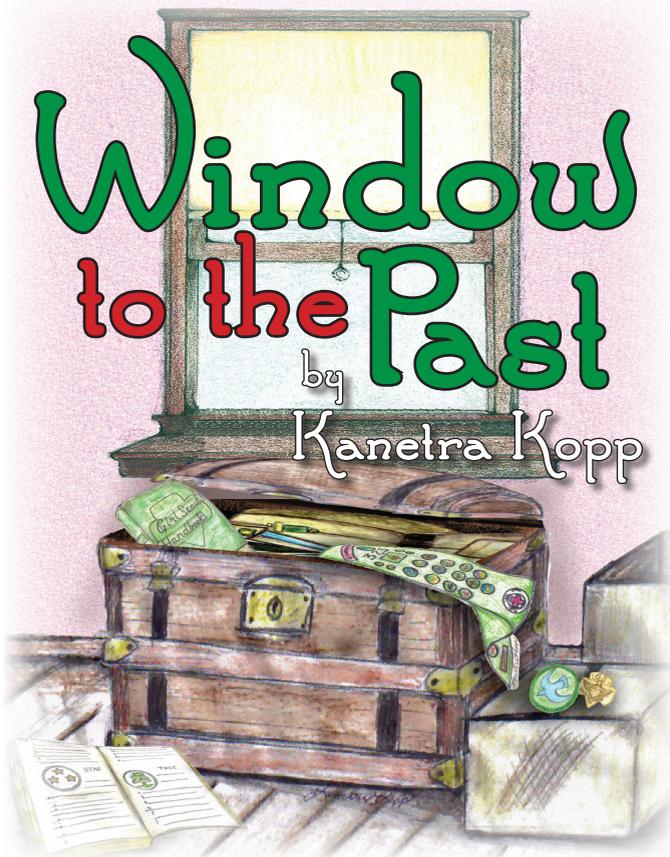


Window to the Past

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Chapter Five: Daisy

Once Jenny and her grandmother had fixed a tray of cookies and lemonade, they went outside to sit on the porch swing. Jenny took a big bite of one of her grandma's homemade chocolate chip cookies and followed it with a big gulp of lemonade.

"Juliette got her nickname Daisy from an uncle. When he heard that she had been born, he declared that he bet she would be a Daisy. Juliette lived in the house right behind my grandmother, with only a tall

honeysuckle hedge dividing the two properties. I remember my grandmother telling me about the first time she met Daisy. She was outside in her tree swing when a girl came running around the hedge chasing a big dog that was covered in soap bubbles. My grandmother said the dog was running so fast that bubbles were flying off its back and into the air. She remembered laughing at the sight of this girl following the trail of bubbles the dog was

leaving. When Daisy saw my grandmother on her swing she stopped and introduced herself. That was the start of their lifelong friendship." Jenny's grandmother paused in her story as she took a drink of lemonade.

"That's a funny story, Grandma. Juliette must have been trying to give the dog a bath or something."

"Yes, I think so. Daisy loved animals. My grandmother said Daisy was always bringing home stray animals. And Daisy was always getting into adventures, too. From what my grandmother told me, I believe Daisy was quite a tomboy." Grandma sighed and said, "And I think she grew up into a very determined young woman, too. Did you know that she was deaf in both ears for most of her life?" Grandma asked.

"Why, did she get hurt somehow?" Jenny wondered.

"My grandmother said that Daisy had a lot of earaches growing up. Well, when she got another one in her twen-

ties, she insisted her doctor perform a new procedure she had read about in an article. Well, it didn't work and she lost her hearing in one ear as a result. And then later on, when Daisy got married, the wedding guests threw rice at her for good luck. A tiny grain of rice got stuck in her other ear. When she went to a doctor to have the rice removed, she ended up losing most of her hearing in that ear, too. So she spent the rest of her life almost completely deaf, but you would never know it from all that she accomplished," Grandma added.

"My grandmother said she really missed Daisy when she moved away to England with her husband," Grandma said. "That's what some of these loose papers are, though. She and Daisy remained friends and sent letters back and forth while Daisy was living in Europe."

"Really? But I thought you said Daisy started Girl Scouts in America. How did she do that if she moved to England, Grandma?" Jenny asked.



Things to Think About and Do

Newspaper stories and photographs are common keepsakes. Look through your newspaper to find different types of stories and photographs that readers might find important to save in their own treasure trunk. Cut out examples and explain why each would be important.

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