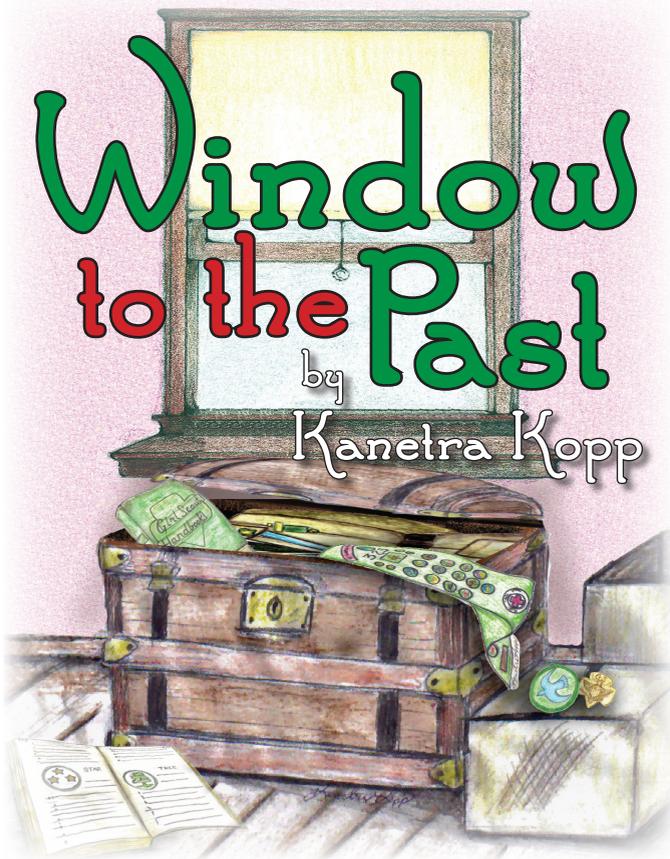


Window to the Past

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Chapter Seven: A Night Under the Stars

“Jenny, show me the badge from the handbook you picked out. We need to see what we can get done before we have to fix supper,” Jenny’s grandmother said.

“Oh, that’s right,” Jenny said. She had forgotten all about the badge book because she had been so wrapped up in Grandma’s stories about Daisy. Jenny picked up the book from the table beside the porch swing. She flipped through some pages until she found the badge again. “Here

it is, Grandma. It’s called the Star Finder Badge. Look at all the stars on the badge. Doesn’t it look cool?” Jenny pointed the badge out to her grandmother.

“It sure does. What activities are listed for that badge, Jenny?” Grandma asked.

Jenny read from the book, “One step is to make a sketch of the sky showing some constellations you want to learn about.” Jenny scrolled down farther on the page. “Another one

says to learn about the planets in the solar system. And here’s one that says to learn a myth or legend about a constellation.” Jenny turned the page to read more. “This step says to find the Milky Way and learn something about it. And here’s one that says to watch for shooting stars which are actually meteors.” Jenny looked over at her grandmother. “There are a lot of things to choose from. This badge lists 14 different steps. What do you think we should do, Grandma?”

“Hmm, let’s see,” Grandma got up and looked out the screen door and up to the sky. “It looks to me like this rain is finally about to stop. I’ll bet by tonight we will have clear skies again. We could go out and do some stargazing after dark. Maybe we will even see some shooting stars. How about we try that?” Grandma asked.

“Oh, that would be great, but what are we going to do until then?” Jenny hoped Grandma wouldn’t say they could go back to cleaning out the attic.

“You know what? I think I have a book on constellations in the den that belonged to your grandfather. He was very interested in stars and planets and just about anything to do with space. Let’s go find it and you can see which constellation would be fun to learn about.” Grandma picked up the empty tray of cookies and lemonade and headed back into the house.

Jenny followed her into the den and they began searching the bookshelf for the book. “Here it is, Jenny. Now, you look through the book while I go get the chicken ready to fry for supper. Let me know which one you choose and we’ll see if we can find it in the sky tonight,” Grandma said.

Jenny took the big book and curled up in the big green chair in the corner. She already knew what the Milky Way looked like and she could find the big dipper, but she didn’t know anything about any other constellations.



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.

To download the companion educator guide, with activities that tie to some of the badge requirements for Girl Scouts, visit mo-nie.com and use code: **nnateach**.

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