



BOOK 1

# Little Glass Lake

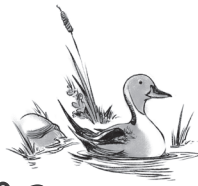
Ducks



THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY

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# Chapter I



Far away from town,  
through the woods, and  
over some golden hills sat  
Little Glass Lake.

Three children lived  
around Little Glass Lake,  
and the lake loved all three  
of the children. For you  
see, the children loved the  
lake. The lake knew the

children well because they spent a lot of time there.

Holly and her brother lived with their mom and dad in a white house on the north side of the lake.

Gabe lived in a big blue house on the east side of the lake.

And only a little mouse lived in the yellow house shaped like an L.





The yellow house had a wide porch, three happy bedrooms, and a cheerful kitchen.

Was the house too big for just one little mouse?

Yes! So why didn't people live there? Well, it had been for sale for a long time, but it wouldn't be empty forever . . .

Now, back to the lake.

Little Glass Lake was a really small lake. And a small lake is quite a great place to live.

Holly loved the way it sparkled. She loved its



soft, grassy banks, and she really, really liked the birds and little animals that made their home on, in, and around the water.

Holly was allowed to go to the very edge of her yard by herself. And the edge of her yard was quite close to the lake. However, she couldn't go past her yard without her mom or

dad or her older brother,  
Henry.

This was because Holly  
was eight years old and  
needed to be safe.

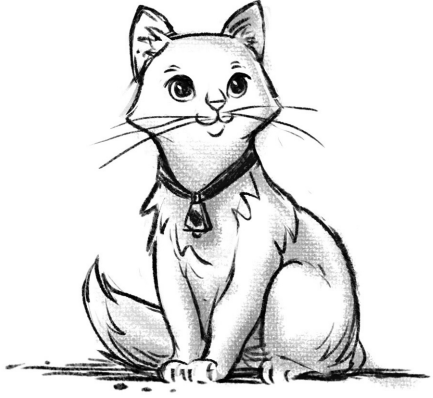
Often, Holly sat on  
the edge of the lawn and  
looked at the lake, being  
careful not to lean forward  
and let her nose go out of  
bounds. As you can tell,  
Holly liked to follow rules.



Holly also had a tree house right at the end of her yard. The tree reached over a marshy spot by the lake with grass and cattails. Cattails look like this.



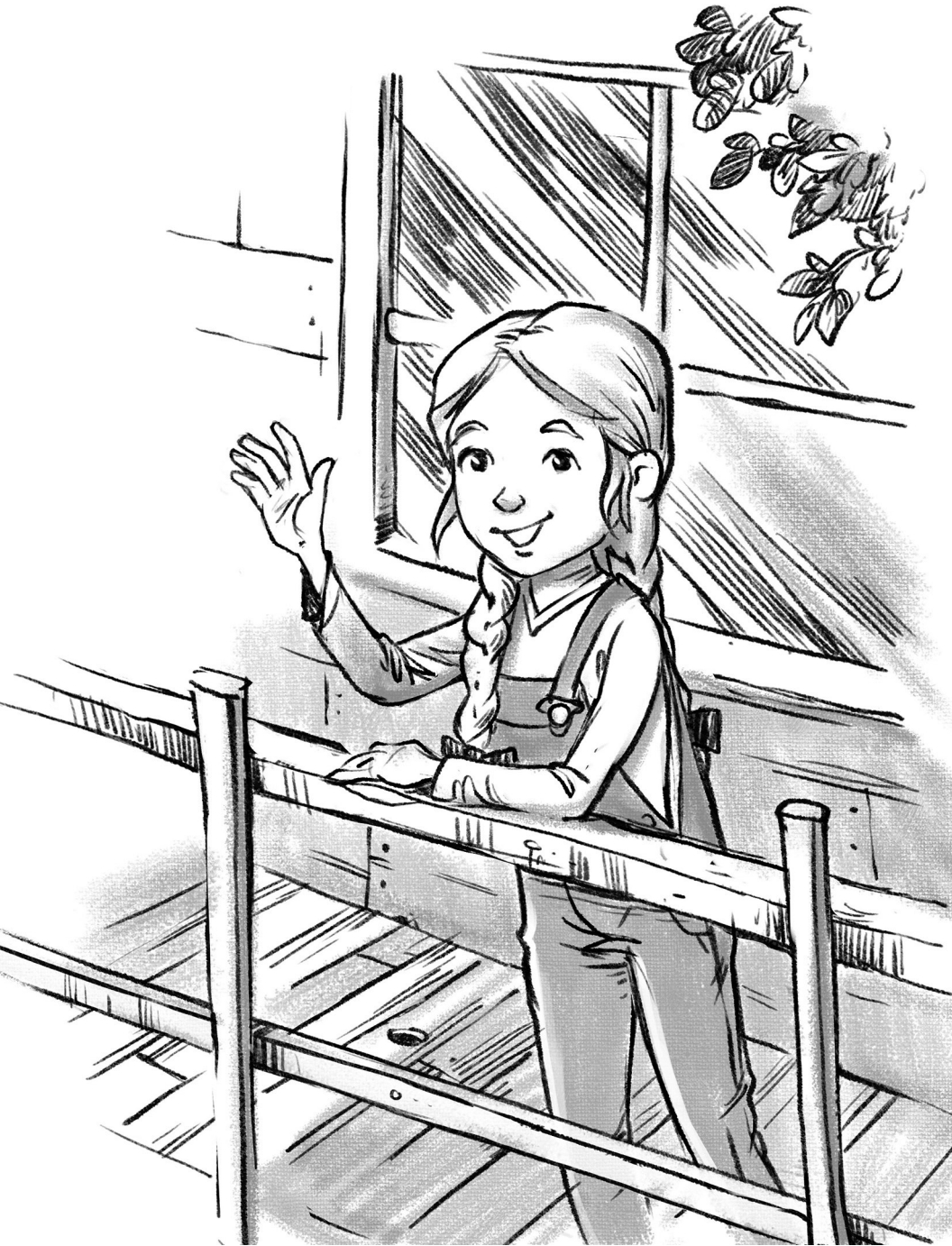
They don't  
look like the  
tail of Holly's  
cat, Daisy.



This is what  
Daisy looked like.

Since this story is all  
about Holly, you should  
meet her.

Holly had blonde hair  
that was almost always  
braided.



Not only did she wear ribbons *on* her braids but she also wore ribbons *in* her braids. Every morning, she asked her mom to weave blue ribbons into her braids.

The ribbons couldn't be pink or yellow. No. She always very nicely asked for blue ribbons because blue was her favorite color.

Each day Holly skipped  
around with her long  
braids swinging and her  
brown eyes sparkling.  
She always felt like an  
explorer.

Each day she found  
out new things in books.  
And Little Glass Lake was  
always teaching her things  
too.

Now it's time to meet

Henry, Holly's brother.  
Can you guess how old he  
was?




He was fourteen.  
It's a good thing Henry  
loved Little Glass Lake,  
too, for Holly wanted to



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 Meet Holly, a fun girl with braids that are always bouncing. She lives in one of three cheerful homes that sit around Little Glass Lake. Holly's favorite place is the tree house at the edge of her yard, where she loves to read about and observe nature. When Holly spots an unfamiliar rowboat and a new type of duck on the lake, she can only imagine the wonderful adventures and lessons about honesty and friendship that are about to unfold along the banks of Little Glass Lake.

