

BOOK 3

Little Glass Lake

Hummingbirds



THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY

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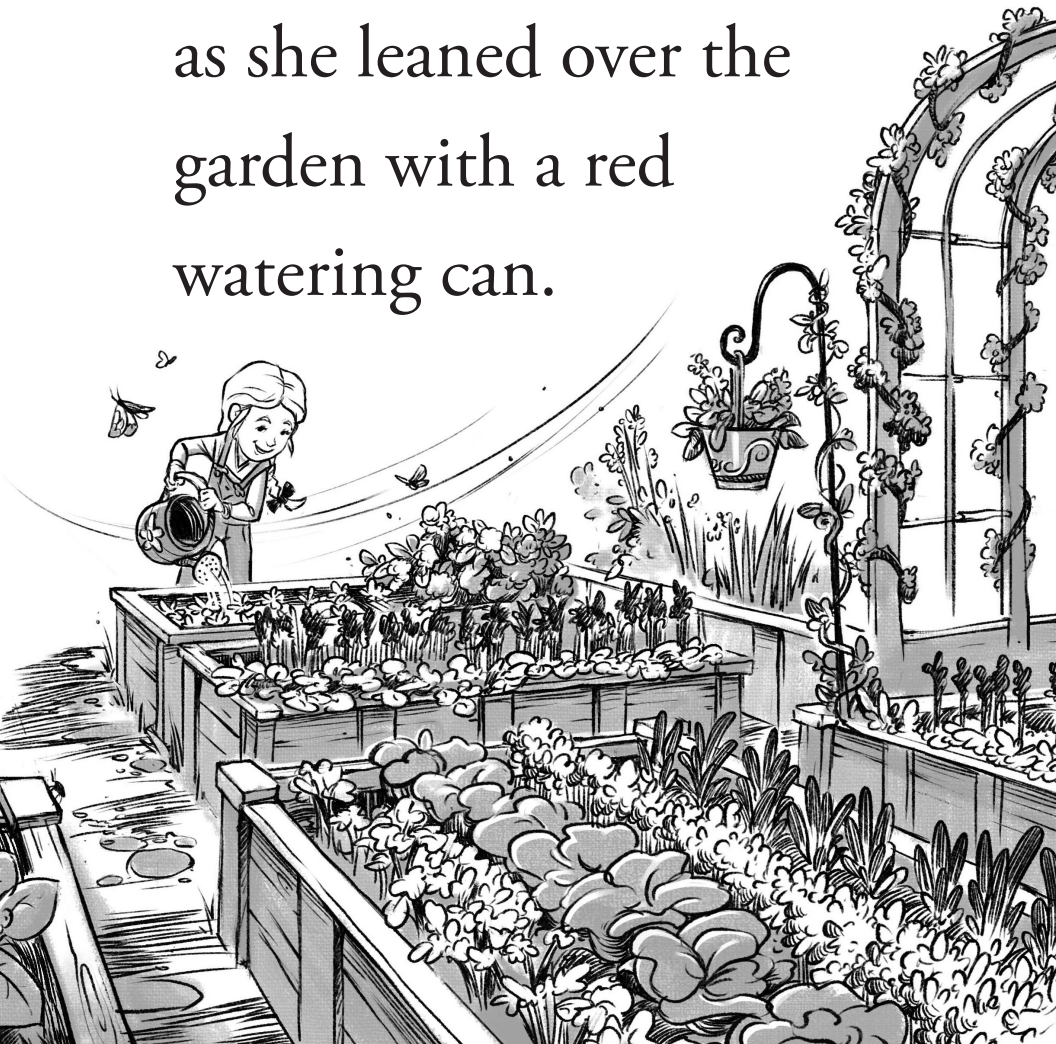
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Chapter 1

A blustery June wind
swung Holly's braids
as she leaned over the
garden with a red
watering can.



It was ten o'clock in the morning, and Holly could already feel a few beads of sweat on her forehead.

It's going to be a hot day, she thought as she sprinkled water on the thirsty plants.

The driveway to Holly's home was very long. It wound up a gentle hill like a soft ribbon. On

one side stood a huge grove of old oak trees that curved around the side of the house and stretched nearly down to Little Glass Lake. Holly loved to walk on the grassy path through the trees, with the green canopy arching above her.

On the other side of the driveway, a large garden

sprawled up the hill. A tall wood-and-metal fence surrounded it to keep out the deer.

After picking a handful of red strawberries, Holly made her way to the top of the garden and sat on a stone bench in the shade of a fruit tree.

This is the perfect spot to watch for Johnny, Holly

thought as she bit into a juicy strawberry.

It had been two weeks since four-year-old Johnny had stayed with Holly's family during his mom's hospital visit. They missed Johnny and were excited when his mom asked if he could spend a couple of hours with Henry and Holly while she had a

follow-up appointment
with her doctor.

From her viewpoint
in the garden, Holly
could see the flat stretch
of the small lane that
ran past their house and
then disappeared in both
directions over some hills.

Down one of those
hills came a big green bike
towing a small cart. It was

headed directly toward the huge pothole in the lane in front of their house.

I hope he sees it and swerves around it, Holly thought. She watched as the bike came closer, and then she heard the rumble of a large truck from the other direction.

The bike and the truck passed each other on the

lane, causing the bike to hit the pothole with a huge jolt. A large object went flying off the bike's little cart, bouncing twice and landing on the side of the road.

“Hey!” Holly yelled, jumping up from the bench. But the loud noise of the truck drowned out her voice.



Holly kept calling as the bike disappeared over the hill. She opened the garden gate and went

dashing toward the lane,
which was now empty and
quiet as the truck's rumble
faded in the distance.

Holly spotted the object
that had fallen off the cart,
and she started running
toward it. Quickly, she
realized that it was a small
animal carrier.

Holly suddenly stopped
in her tracks. *What kind*





*of animal is in there? What
if it's hurt from falling off
the cart?*

Not knowing what to do, Holly looked over her shoulder back to her house. *Should I go get help?*

Sad little whines came from inside the carrier. Holly's heart moved her forward to look into the carrier. The cutest puppy she had ever seen was staring back at her.

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Summertime brings new adventures and visitors to Little Glass Lake. While the children are enjoying time with Grandma Bee, they discover a furry new friend who is lost and must be delivered to its owner despite Holly growing more attached every second. In the meantime, a scientist arrives at the lake and sends the children on a quest to photograph a brand-new species of hummingbird, offering a large reward that Holly hopes to receive and use for something special.



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