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Every day, Billy and Ella went in the garden to tug out the weeds and water their plants.



Billy and Ella grew all sorts of plants in their garden!

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They hoped there would be a big pod of peas there for them.

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But when Billy and Ella got to the garden, they found that some of their peas

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were gone!

So Billy and Ella started to look for clues. They walked around their pea plants.

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They walked all around the garden.





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Billy and Ella work hard to grow plants in their garden. When their favorite vegetables start disappearing, they are determined to find the garden thief. Who could be stealing their peas? It's up to them to find the clues and crack the case!





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"Mittens is the cutest cat!" Ella said.

Billy nodded. Mittens was very cute.

Mittens liked to play with yarn.

Mittens liked to play hide-andseek under the couch.

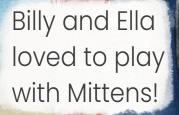
Each time Mittens was happy, she made cute sounds.

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Sometimes she made a meow sound.

Sometimes she made a purr sound.



One morning, Billy and Ella woke up early to play with Mittens.

Mittens was not in her bed!

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"Where did she go?" Ella asked.

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"Mittens! Mittens!" Billy and Ella called, but Mittens did not come.

"Oh no," Billy said. "Mittens is missing!"

"It is a mystery!" Ella said.

"Do we have any clues to help us?" Billy asked. "Well, Mittens likes hiding under the couch. Let's look there first!" said Ella.

> Billy looked under the couch.

"I do not see her," Billy said. "She is not under the couch."

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"What do we do next?" Ella asked.

"Let's see if we have a picture of Mittens!" Billy said.



Ella said, "We can show the picture to our friends so they know what she looks like."

"Then they can tell us if they have seen her!" Billy said.

Ella smiled. "I like that plan!" she said.



Dilly and Ella love their adorable cat, Mittens, very much. When Mittens disappears one day, the two children gather their friends to look for clues that could lead to their beloved cat. Their mystery-solving skills lead them to an unexpected surprise that Billy and Ella will

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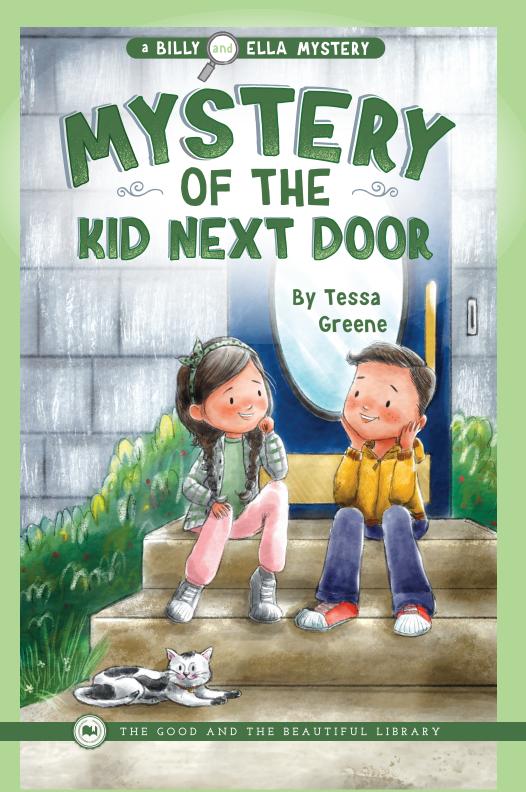
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"Billy, look! A moving truck!" Ella said.

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The moving truck was at the house next door.

Billy stood next to Ella and looked with her.

"Is a new family moving in?" Billy asked.

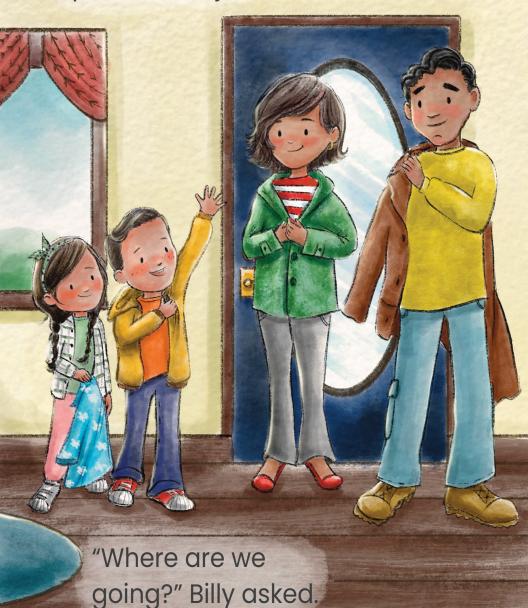
"I think so!" Ella said. "I hope they have a child for us to play with."

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"Maybe we can make a new friend!" Billy said.



Later that day, Billy and Ella's mom and dad told them to put on their jackets.



"A new family moved in," Dad said. "We are going to say hi."

Billy and Ella smiled. They hoped they would meet a new friend! Mom, Dad, Billy, and Ella walked to the house next door, and Dad rang the bell.

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A lady with long brown curls came out.

A little boy was standing by her.

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"Hello," Mom said. "We are so happy to meet you! We live next door."

> "These are our kids, Billy and Ella," Dad said.

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"It is good to meet you!" the woman said.

"My name is Hope, and this is my son, Hank."



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Dilly and Ella love to meet new friends almost as much as they love solving mysteries. However, for their new neighbor, Hank, making friends can be hard and scary. Together with their friend Jade, Ella and Billy set out to solve the mystery of how to help Hank feel welcome in his new neighborhood.





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