



Lady in White



Chapter Five – by Kay and Russ Hively

When the sun began to slide behind the hills and daylight began to fade, Judy's father helped the girls down off the ponies. Sandy thanked him for letting her ride. Then she said goodbye to Judy and started home.

On her way home, Sandy thought about what had happened in the last two days. A mystery had developed about the lady at the train station, and she had ridden a pony by herself for the first time ever.

Walking down the muddy main street Sandy looked in the windows of the stores and offices. She saw the printing press for the newspaper, the gold letters on the bank windows and she saw hams and bacon hanging in the grocery store window. As she neared the livery stable she had to hold her nose. Stepping carefully, she tried to walk around the green and stinky mud puddles that were around the edge of the manure piles.

When she finally got home, Sandy found her father reading. He looked up at his daughter and smiled. Then Mr. Hacket asked her how she liked the pony rides. Sandy

could see her mother sitting nearby. Mrs. Hacket had a big smile on her face. Sandy had been right. They both knew what Judy had planned and had not said a word about the ponies.

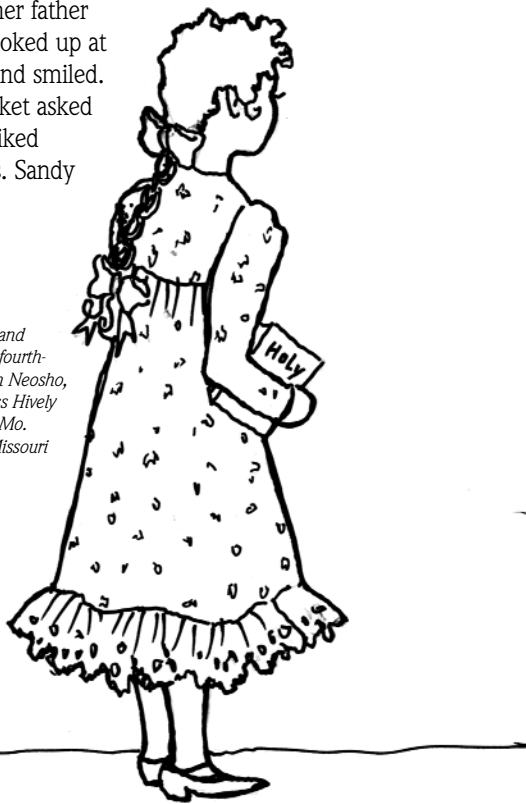
Sandy told her parents all about riding the mine ponies and how Judy's father was now taking care of them. Mr. Hacket said Judy's father would be a great caretaker for the ponies.

The next day, like every Sunday morning, Sandy and her parents went to church. Before they left, Mrs. Hacket made breakfast for them and for a neighbor who was sick. Their neighbor had been sick a long time and never seemed to get better. Dr. Worten, the town doctor, had told Sandy it was something he could not heal. That seemed strange to Sandy. She thought Dr. Worten could cure anything.

After she had eaten breakfast, Sandy went to her room and took her best dress out of the wardrobe and put it on. The dress was light blue with small white flowers and white lace along the hem. Sandy thought this was the most beautiful dress in the world.

When the church bell began to ring, the Hackets headed to church, walking along the main street.

As they entered the church, Sandy looked around to see which of her friends were already there. Right away she spotted several friends and made note of where they were sitting. They always sat on the same side of the church. But, as she looked on the other side of the church, Sandy was stunned to see who was sitting next to young Dr. Worten.



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Things to Think About and Do

- A. Sandy walked by the livery stable. What is a livery stable? Why would there be manure piles outside the stable?
- B. Sandy's best dress was kept in a wardrobe. What is a wardrobe? Make a list of some places people can keep their cloths and draw a picture of two of them.
- C. Sandy observed the businesses on main street. Do you have a main street in your community? Look through the newspaper to find ads for businesses located on your main street. Glue them on paper in order of where they are located.

STANDARDS: G1-2; S:8; G2-1; FA:1

Next Week: Chapter Six – What's going on?