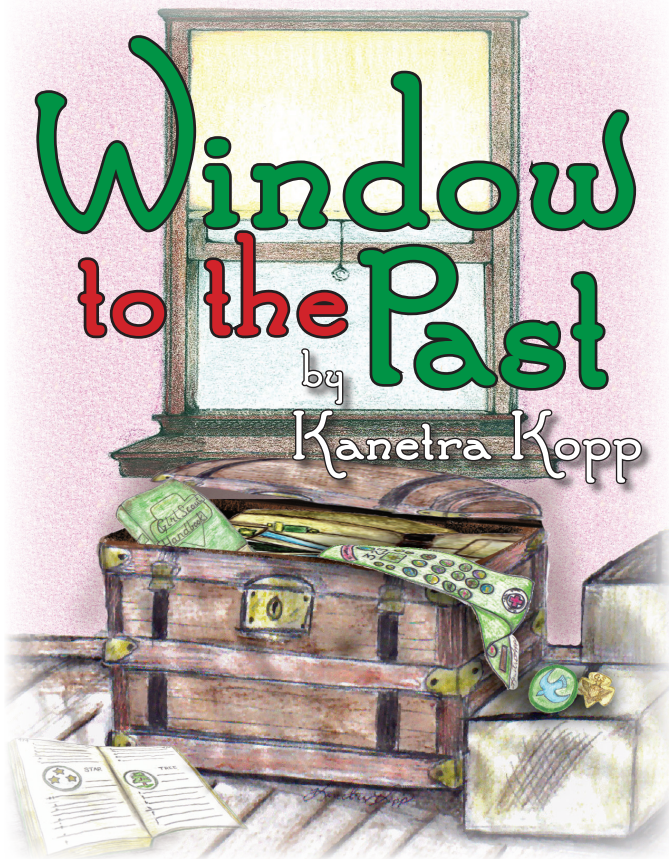


Window to the Past

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Chapter Eight: Exciting News for Jenny

Jenny turned the pages in the constellation book. She stopped when she found a constellation called Sagittarius, also known as The Archer. The book said it could be seen in the summer in the northern hemisphere. It told how to look for a teacup shape in order to find it easily. Jenny jumped up and ran to show her grandmother what she wanted to try to find in the sky after supper.

Later that evening, Jenny and her grandmother grabbed an old quilt and headed outside.

Grandma had said the best place to have a clear view of the sky would be out in the hay pasture away from the house and the trees. So they climbed into the old pickup truck and drove out through the farm gate to the top of the hill in the pasture. Jenny spread out the blanket on the ground and she and Grandma sat down together.

Jenny spotted the Milky Way right off and started looking for Sagittarius. "Grandma, do you see anything that looks like a tea cup?" Jenny asked.

Eventually, with a little help from her grandmother, Jenny found the constellation with the teacup shape in it. They didn't see any shooting stars, but Jenny still enjoyed spending the night with her grandmother looking for them in the clear night sky.

Jenny's father came to pick her up the next morning. He said her Girl Scout leader had called to ask if she wanted to sign up for scouts again this coming year. Jenny had started to wonder if she wanted to join Girl Scouts this year, but after her afternoon with her grandmother and hearing all about Juliette Gordon Low she had decided she did. Plus, she couldn't wait to tell her leader and her friends in her troop about her great-great-grandmother and the stories she had learned from Grandma about Juliette Gordon Low.

Later that afternoon, when Jenny and her mother walked into school where the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other groups were holding

their registration event, they headed over to the table where her troop leader was sitting. As they walked up they heard the leader say to another parent, "This is going to be such an exciting year for us. We are planning on traveling to Savannah and touring the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low."

Jenny couldn't believe it. "Are you serious?" she asked her leader. "My grandma was just telling me about Juliette yesterday. Can I invite her to come with us?" she pleaded. "I know she would just love to go, too," she added.

"Hi, Jenny," the leader said. "I think it would be wonderful if your grandmother wanted to go with us to Savannah. So does that mean you think it sounds like a fun trip?" she asked.

"I sure do," Jenny replied. "I think it will be amazing to see where Daisy grew up. I can't wait to tell my grandma!" Jenny exclaimed.



Things to Think About and Do

Look through your newspaper for school news including notices of meetings, lunch menus, school board meeting stories, features on students and teachers and sports outcomes. Create a bulletin board in your classroom or school hallway featuring these clippings from your newspaper.

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