

Beth

I am Beth.

I am ten.

I am at camp.

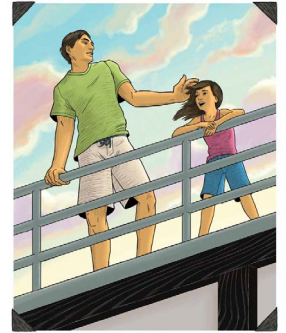
Camp is fun.



Once Mom and Dad went on a trip to the camp. All of us were at the camp.

Dad and I went up on top of a path at the pond. Mom got a snap shot of us.

This is the snap shot.



Then Mom let us snap some shots.

Dad got a snap shot of Mom.



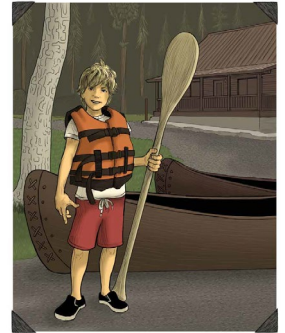
I got a snap shot of a dog with a hot dog.



Nat

This is Nat.

Nat is a kid I met at camp.

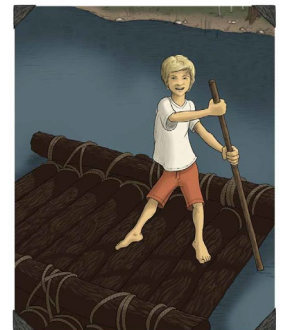


I have lots of snap shots of Nat.

This is a snap shot of Nat with a fish.



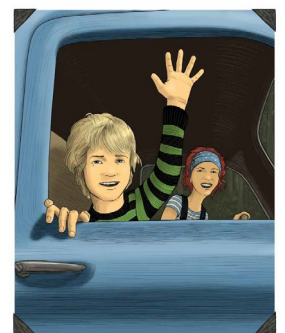
This is a snap shot of Nat on a raft.



Nat and I had lots of fun at camp.

But then Nat's mom got a job in the U.K.

Nat left, and I felt sad.



The Trip to the U.K.

Nat went to the U.K., and I felt sad.
But then Mom set up a trip to the U.K.



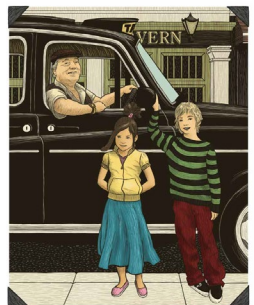
Mom and I went on a jet.
Ships are fun, but jets are the best!



I got to sit next to the wing. I had lunch.
Then I had a nap. Mom got this snap shot
of the nap.



Nat met us at the end of the ramp.
I ran up to hug him.



Then Nat's mom, Dot, got us a cab.

This is a snap shot of us with the cab man.



Nat and I had a lot of fun.

Then it was time for bed. Mom and I slept
in a bed next to Nat's bed.

Bud the Cat

This is a snap shot of Nat's cat, Bud.



Nat got Bud from a vet.

Bud had a bad leg.

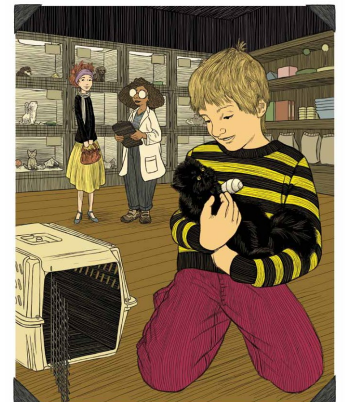
The vet had to fix Bud's leg.

Bud had to sit in a box with a cast on one leg.

Then Nat said, "Mom, can I have him?"

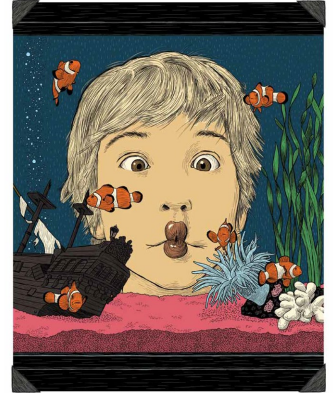
Can I? Can I? Can I?"

Dot said yes.



The Fish

This is a snap shot of Nat's fish.



The fish swim and splash and munch
on fish snacks.

The cat can smell the fish. It can press
on the glass. It can grab at the fish.
But it can not get them.



The Flag Shop

Mom and I went in a lot of shops in the U.K. One of the shops was a flag shop.



The shop had the U.S. flag, the French flag, and the U.K. flag.

That's Mom in the snap shot, with the U.S. flag.

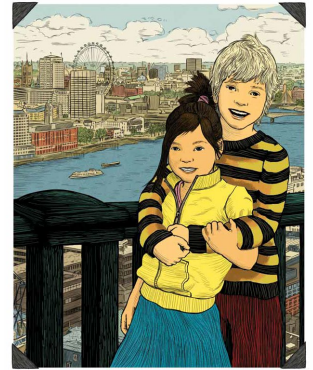
The U.K. flag has a big red cross on it. Nat and his mom held one up.

I got this snap shot of the two of them with the flag.



Which is the Best

This is a snap shot Mom got. All of us had to run up a bunch of steps to get to this spot.

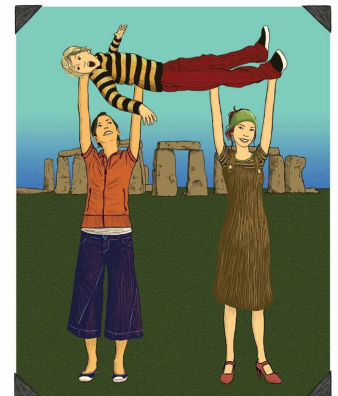


Nat and I ran up fast. The moms had to huff and puff to get to the top.

This next snap shot is one that I got. It is Nat with a bunch of big rocks.

Nat had Mom and Dot lift him up.

Then Nat said, "Beth, get a snap shot of this! I am the rock on top! Get it?"



So which snap shot is the best?

The Bus Stop

Dot led us to a bus stop. At the bus stop there was a thrush.

Nat held up his hand. The thrush was all set to land on his hand, but then Dot said, "Nat, stop that!"

Nat let his hand drop.

At the bus stop, Nat said, "Beth, this is the best bus!"

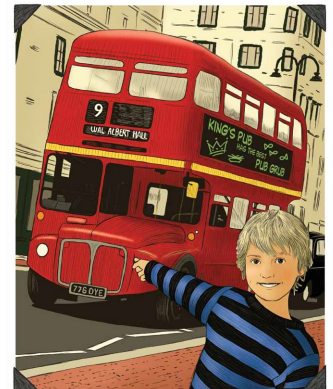
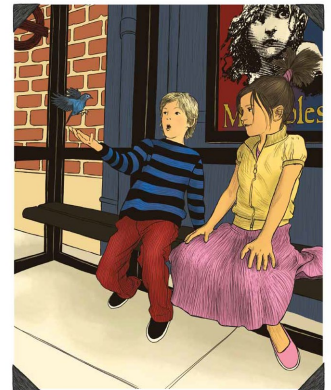
I said, "Why? Is it fast?"

"No," Nat said, "it is not that fast."

"Then why is it the best?"

Just then, Nat said, "There it is!"

It was a big red bus with a top deck!



On the Bus

Nat and I sat up on the top deck of the big red bus.

The bus went past a big shop.

“That is where Mom shops,” said Nat.

“That shop has all the best stuff!”

The bus went past a big clock.

A bell went ding, dong, ding, dong.

“That is Big Ben!” said Nat.

“Who is Big Ben?” I said.

“Big Ben is not a man,” Nat said.

“Big Ben is the bell that is in that clock.”

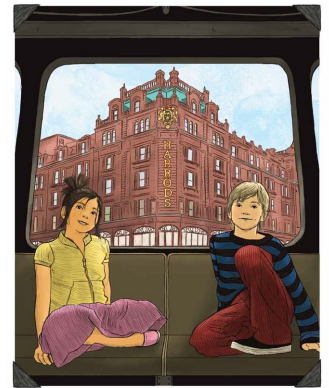
The bus went on.

“That is a posh spot there!” Nat said.

“Posh?” I said. “What is that?”

“A posh spot is where stuff costs a lot,” said Nat.

“Mom had lunch in there once, and it cost so much that dad got mad.”



The Man in the Black Hat

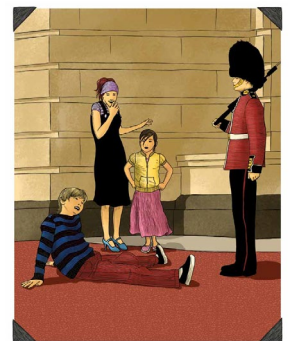
All of us got off the bus. Nat led us up to a man in a black hat.



"Beth," Nat said, "that man will not grin."

"Why not?" I said.

"His job is to stand there as still as a rock and not grin," Nat said.

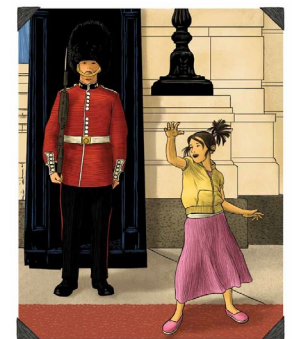


"I will do the best trick I can," Nat said.

"But I will bet that man will not grin."

Nat did a trick and fell on his back.

Nat's trick got all of us to grin, but the man in the black hat did not grin.



"I bet I can get him to grin!" I said.

I did a split, but the man did not grin.

I sang a song and did a jig, but still the man did not grin.

Mom got lots of snap shots of us and the man in the black hat. But there is not one snap shot where that man grins.



The Man in the Kilt

Once Nat and I met a man in a kilt.

I said, "Why is that man in a dress?"

Nat said, "That is not a dress. It is a kilt."

"A quilt?" I said.

"No," Nat said. "A kilt."

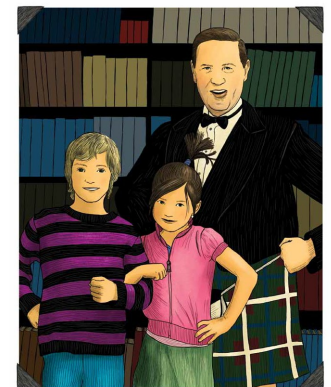
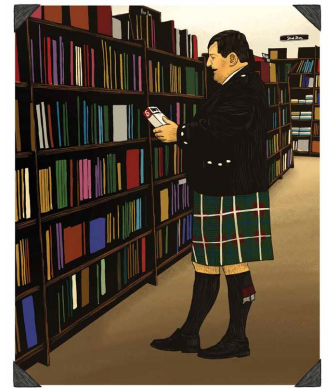
"What is a kilt?" I said.

Mom said, "The kilt tells us that the man is a Scot.
The cloth on the kilt tells us where the man is from."

"So the kilt tells us his past?" I said.

"Yes," said Mom. "It is a bit of his past."

Mom got this snap shot of us with the
man in the kilt!



The Map

Once all of us were on a trip when a dog ran up and bit the map.

Dot said, "Bad dog! Stop that! Drop that map! Drop it!"



But the dog did not drop the map. The dog ran up the block with the map.

Nat ran to get the map, but Dot said, "It is just a map. Let the dog have it."

Just then the dog let the map drop. Nat got it and held it up.

"Here it is," Nat said. "But it's got a big rip in it."

"Well," Dot said, "I am just glad the dog bit the map and not one of us."



In the Cab

Dot got us a cab.

The cab man said, "Where to?"

Dot said, "The King's Pub."

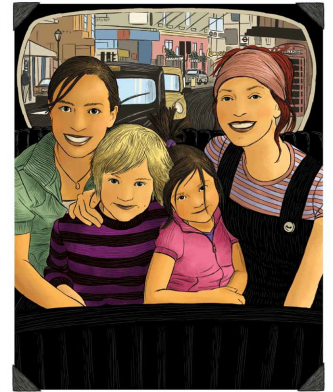
"What is a pub?" I said.

"A pub is a spot to get lunch," said Nat.

"If it's the King's Pub," I said, "I bet it's posh. Will I get to sit with the king?"

"No," said Dot with a grin. "But this pub has got the best fish and chips!"

The cab man got us to the pub in a flash. Then all of us went in to have lunch.



Lunch at the King's Pub

At the King's Pub, all of us had fish and chips.

All of the pubs in the U.K. sell fish and chips. The fish and chips I had in the King's Pub were the best I had in the U.K.



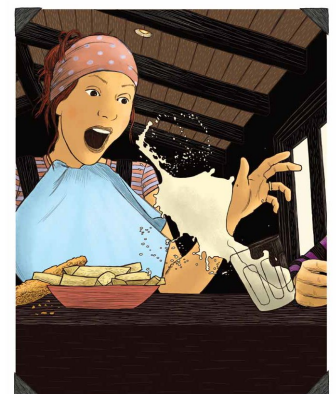
Yum, yum!

Nat had a glass of milk with his fish and chips. Then his hand hit the glass.

Splash!

The milk went on Dot's fish and chips.

This snap shot tells it all.

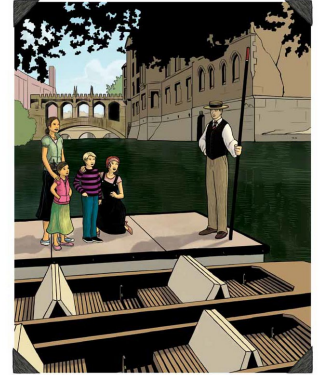


The Punt

Dot said, "Let's rent a punt!"

"A punt?" I said. "What's that?"

Dot led us to a dock. There were two punts there, as well as a man with a long stick.



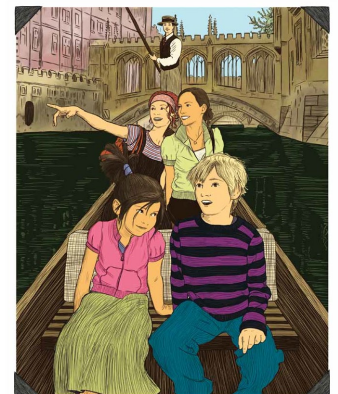
"Let's rent one!" I said.

All of us got in the punt. The man with the stick got in last.

The man said, "Kids, this punt can tip. If it tips, all of us will get wet. The best thing to do is to sit still and not stand up."

Nat and I sat still and did not get wet.

It was a lot of fun.



The Trip Back

The trip to the U.K. was so much fun. I was sad that it had to end.



When it did end, Nat and I had a hug. So did Mom and Dot.

Then Mom and I got back on the jet.

When Mom and I got back to the U.S., Dad met us.



“Dad!” I said, “I am glad you are here. I wish you were with us in the UK. Mom and I went on a punt and had fish and chips at a pub! Nat and I sat on top of a big red bus and went past Big Ben! It was the best trip!”

I got a map of the U.K. and hung it up.



I stuck red dots on all the spots Mom and I went to.

Mom got prints of the snap shots from the trip.

I sent the best ones to Nat!



Book 5: Snap Shots

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants are included in these stories.
Words that use "s" to spell the sound /z/ are no longer counted as Tricky Words here.

1: Beth

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to were once some
all**

Word Count: 83

2: Nat

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I have**

Word Count: 65

3: The Trip to the U.K.

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ch**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to was are for
time**

Word Count: 122

4: Bud the Cat

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to one from said
have**

Word Count: 60

5: The Fish

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ch ck**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
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Tricky Words: **the of a**

Word Count: 44

6: The Flag Shop

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ch**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC

Tricky Words: **the of a I two was one**

Word Count: 76

7: Which is the Best

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ch ck**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to said all so**

Word Count: 96

8: The Bus Stop

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ck wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the a I to was there why
said all**

Word Count: 94

9: On the Bus

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ch ck wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the of a I who there where
what once said all**

Word Count: 126

10: The Man in the Black Hat

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ck wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
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Tricky Words: **the of a I to do there where
one why said all**

Word Count: 159

11: The Man in the Kilt

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh wh qu**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I where what once
from why said so no**

Word Count: 106

12: The Map

Digraphs, etc.: **th ck wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to were here one
once said all have**

Word Count: 111

13: In the Cab

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ch wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to where what
said all so no have**

Word Count: 90

14: Lunch at the King's Pub

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ch**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCCVC

Tricky Words: **the of a I were all**

Word Count: 79

15: The Punt

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng ck wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to do two was
were there what one said all**

Word Count: 100

16: The Trip Back

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ch ck wh**

Word Types: VC CV CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CCVCCC

Tricky Words: **the of a I to you was are
were here one from said all
so**

Word Count: 151