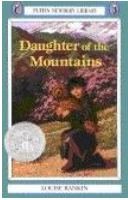


# Passages

## Reading Level 7



**Title:** Daughter of the Mountains

**Author:** Louise Rankin

### Sample From The Book

Ever since she could remember, Momo had wanted a dog. But no ordinary cur, such as she might easily have got, would do. She had set her heart on a very special kind of dog – a red-gold Lhasa terrier. There was one at the Kargayu monastery; it belonged to the head lama (priest). And from the moment when she had first seen this dog, Momo had one passionate longing – to have, for her very own, a red-gold terrier from Lhasa.

She was only four years old on that day. Nema, her father, had swung her up onto his shoulder and had set off with his family for the Red Hat festival at Kargayu. They were all very merry; for her father, who carried the mail over the mountains, and her mother, who kept a little tea shop in their home, worked very hard, and a holiday was a great thing. And so was the festival! For three days they and all the countryside would watch the lamas' dances, and eat the good food and drink the strong tea of the monastery.

From every house and hamlet other families came out to join them, until a gay procession was streaming down the mountainside...



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