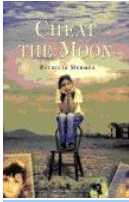


Passages

Reading Level 6



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Sample From The Book

I looked down the path toward the road - a rocky kind of path leads from our house, all twisty and rutted, so we're sort of hidden-like from the main street. I wondered if it was worthwhile walking down to see if any mail had come. Not that I expected anything, really. Still, one could never tell. Sometimes a person got lucky. I had been trying to be lucky, filling out every one of those contest things that kept coming, promising me a chance at a million dollars if I'd just return it with the right stickers attached before the deadline ran out. Once I got a different kind of contest, and I filled out a whole entire puzzle, answering questions about animals and furs and that sort of thing, and one day I got this letter, and they said I had won a fur coat. All I had to do was go to the store and fill out some papers, and it was mine.

That was one of the times I wished so hard for Mom, or a regular kind of dad, one who could tell me if this deal was on the up and up. But since Mom had died three years earlier, and since Dad was off somewhere again, God only knew where, there wasn't much chance of finding out about that fur coat. I had no intention of going into some store and finding out that they were just teasing me...



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