

Passages

Reading Level 6



Title: The Lottery Rose

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Sample From The Book

He was seven and a half years old and although he had been in first grade for almost two years, he had not yet learned to read. The open book on his desk, however, was the one thing in school that he loved. On two occasions he had tried to steal it.

"I lost it," he had answered the school librarian when she questioned him. He had learned to lie without blinking.

"No, Georgie, you took it home with you because you like it so much," Ellen Ames said calmly. "Bring it back to the library and I'll let you check it out as often as you wish. One of our rules is that a book can only be checked out for two weeks, but since this book means so much to you -." She did not finish her sentence. Georgie knew that Miss Ames was one of the few people in the school who liked him.

The book was made up of page after page of brightly colored flowers, many of which Georgie recognized because sometimes Miss Ames sat beside him in the library and helped him pronounce the names of the different flowers...



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