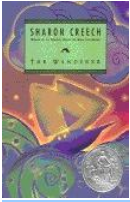


Passages

Reading Level 6



Title: The Wanderer

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Sample From The Book

The sea, the sea, the sea. It rolled and rolled and called to me. Come in, it said, come in.

And in I went, floating, rolling, splashing, swimming, and the sea called, Come out, come out, and further I went but always it swept me back to shore.

And still the sea called, Come out, come out, and in boats I went – in rowboats and dinghies and motorboats, and after I learned to sail, I flew over the water, and only the sounds of the wind and the water and the birds, all of them calling, Sail on, sail on.

And what I wanted to do was go on and on, across the sea, alone with the water and the wind and the birds, but some said I was too young and the sea was a dangerous temptress, and at night I dreamed a terrible dream. A wall of water, towering, black, crept up behind me and hovered over me and then broke down, down it came, but always I awoke before the water covered me, and always I felt as if I were floating when I woke up.



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