

## Heidi

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- 1 Detie is taking Heidi up a mountain in Switzerland to her grandfather, Uncle Alp. Detie has a new job in Frankfurt so she can't look after Heidi any more.
  - 2 Peter is an eleven year old boy who also lives on the mountain, with his mother Bridget and his Grannie. He is a goatherd. He fetches the goats from the village every day and takes them up to the pasture to find fresh grass.
  - 3 Uncle Alp's hut is on a ledge on the side of the mountain. It has wonderful views down the valley and to the village below, Dörfli. Inside the hut there is a big room with a table, chair and bed. There is an iron stove with a cooking pot and a cupboard for Uncle Alp's clothes and food. There is a ladder near Uncle Alp's bed. At the top of the ladder is a loft full of hay.
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- Snowflake and Finch are two of the goats from Peter's herd. Finch almost falls into the ravine. But Peter holds onto Finch's leg, while Heidi pulls some fresh grass from the ground and holds it near him. As Finch turns towards Heidi to eat the grass, he moves away from the ravine.
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    - a (i) Peter goes to school after the snowfall to learn to read and write.
    - a (ii) The goats are no longer able to go up to the pasture in winter because the grass and bushes are covered by thick snow.
    - a (iii) Uncle Alp and Heidi stayed at home.
    - b Uncle Alp takes Heidi to visit Grannie on a sledge. He wraps Heidi in a sack to keep her warm and puts her in front of him. The sledge goes down the mountain very fast.
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    - a Heidi is upset because Grannie is blind. Grannie is also unable to sleep at night because she is frightened that the hut will fall down. The wind blows and the shutter makes a terrible noise.
    - b Uncle Alp helps Grannie by repairing the shutter and some holes in the roof. Later he repairs the whole hut so Grannie is not frightened by noises in the night any more.
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- 1 Detie comes to take Heidi to Frankfurt. She tells Uncle Alp about a rich family there who are looking for a friend for their invalid daughter, Clara. Detie wants to take Heidi to Frankfurt to live with the family.
  - 2 After Heidi leaves, Uncle Alp becomes very quiet. When he passes through Dörfli, he does not speak to anyone and the villagers are afraid of him. He does not go to repair Grannie's hut any more.
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- 1 Mr Sesemann owns the house. His daughter, Clara, is an invalid. She is twelve years old. She can't walk and sits in a wheelchair all day. Miss Rottenmeier is the housekeeper and is tall and thin. Her job is to look after the house. Sebastian and Tinette are servants.
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    - a Heidi ran into the street because she wanted to find a church tower.
    - b Heidi climbed to the top of the church tower to see the whole valley and look for trees and mountains.
  - 3 The boy and the kittens come to the Sesemann's house because of Heidi.
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- 1 Heidi meets the doctor at the fountain.
  - 2 The picture in the book makes Heidi think about her home. She misses her home very much so she feels sad. Heidi thinks that Mrs Sesemann will be angry if she knows that Heidi is homesick.
  - 3 The book is important because it reminds Heidi of her home in the mountains. Mrs Sesemann tells Heidi she can have the book if she learns to read, and so this makes Heidi want to read. Usher is pleased because Heidi has learned to read and Heidi now likes reading very much.

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- 1 Miss Rottenmeier writes a letter to Clara's father. She tells him that Clara is very frightened and upset. So Mr Sesemann is worried about Clara and decides to come home.  
One morning, Sebastian notices that the front door is open.
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    - a Every night, someone is opening the front door of the Sesemann's house.
    - b Heidi is opening the front door every night.
    - c Doctor Classen found out the truth.
    - d Heidi is walking in her sleep because she is homesick. She is dreaming that she is at home in her grandfather's hut. She thinks she is opening the door of her grandfather's hut. But she is walking in her sleep and opening the Sesemann's front door.
    - e After Doctor Classen tells Mr Sesemann about Heidi's homesickness, he decides she must go home.
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- 1 Heidi feels very surprised and pleased about going home.
  - 2 Heidi takes some pretty dresses and a basket with twelve fresh rolls for Grannie. She wears a new hat but takes her old one too. She also takes the book with the pictures. Mr Sesemann gives Heidi a letter and a packet for Uncle Alp.
  - 3 First, Heidi and Uncle Alp visited the pastor's house and the pastor was very happy to see them. Uncle Alp tells the pastor he wants to move back to Dörfli in the winter. Then they talked to all the villagers who were waiting for them outside the pastor's house.
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    - a Clara sends a thick coat with a warm hood for Heidi. She also sends a box of cakes and a warm shawl for Grannie; tobacco for Uncle Alp and a huge sausage for Peter, his mother and Grannie.
    - b Doctor Classen brought Clara's presents.
    - c The doctor thinks that Clara isn't strong enough to visit Heidi. He is worried that the weather in the mountains may be cold.
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    - a When Heidi sees the doctor, she feels disappointed at first because Clara and Grandmamma have not come. But then she feels very happy to see him.
    - b Uncle Alp is happy to meet Doctor Classen and greets him warmly. He goes for long walks in the mountains with Doctor Classen. Doctor Classen learns many interesting things from Uncle Alp and has a very good time.
    - c Peter begins to feel friendly towards the doctor because the doctor gives Peter his food.
- 10 Heidi's idea is that Peter must learn to read. Then he can read the Bible to Grannie when Heidi can't visit Grannie because of the snow. This would help all of them.
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- 1 Uncle Alp dresses Clara and takes her downstairs. Clara sits outside and drinks milk from Daisy. Then Clara and Heidi write letters to Grandmamma. At dinner time, Uncle Alp brings out more food.
  - 2 Uncle Alp feels sorry for Clara because she can't walk. He tries to make her stand a little by herself every morning.
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- 1 Peter is angry and jealous of Clara. Heidi spends all her time with Clara, and not with him. So Peter wants Clara to go home. He thinks that without her wheelchair, she will have to go away. So he pushes her wheelchair off the mountain. After this, Clara learned to walk, because she had no wheelchair.
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    - a Peter received a promise from Grandmamma, to receive one penny every week for the rest of his life.
    - b Heidi gave Grannie her bed from the Sesemann's house in Frankfurt.
    - c Uncle Alp received a promise from Mr Sesemann that he would look after Heidi when Uncle Alp dies.
    - d Grannie was given Heidi's bed from Frankfurt as a present.
    - e Grandmamma promised to give Peter one penny every week for the rest of his life.
    - f Mr Sesemann promised to look after Heidi when Uncle Alp dies.