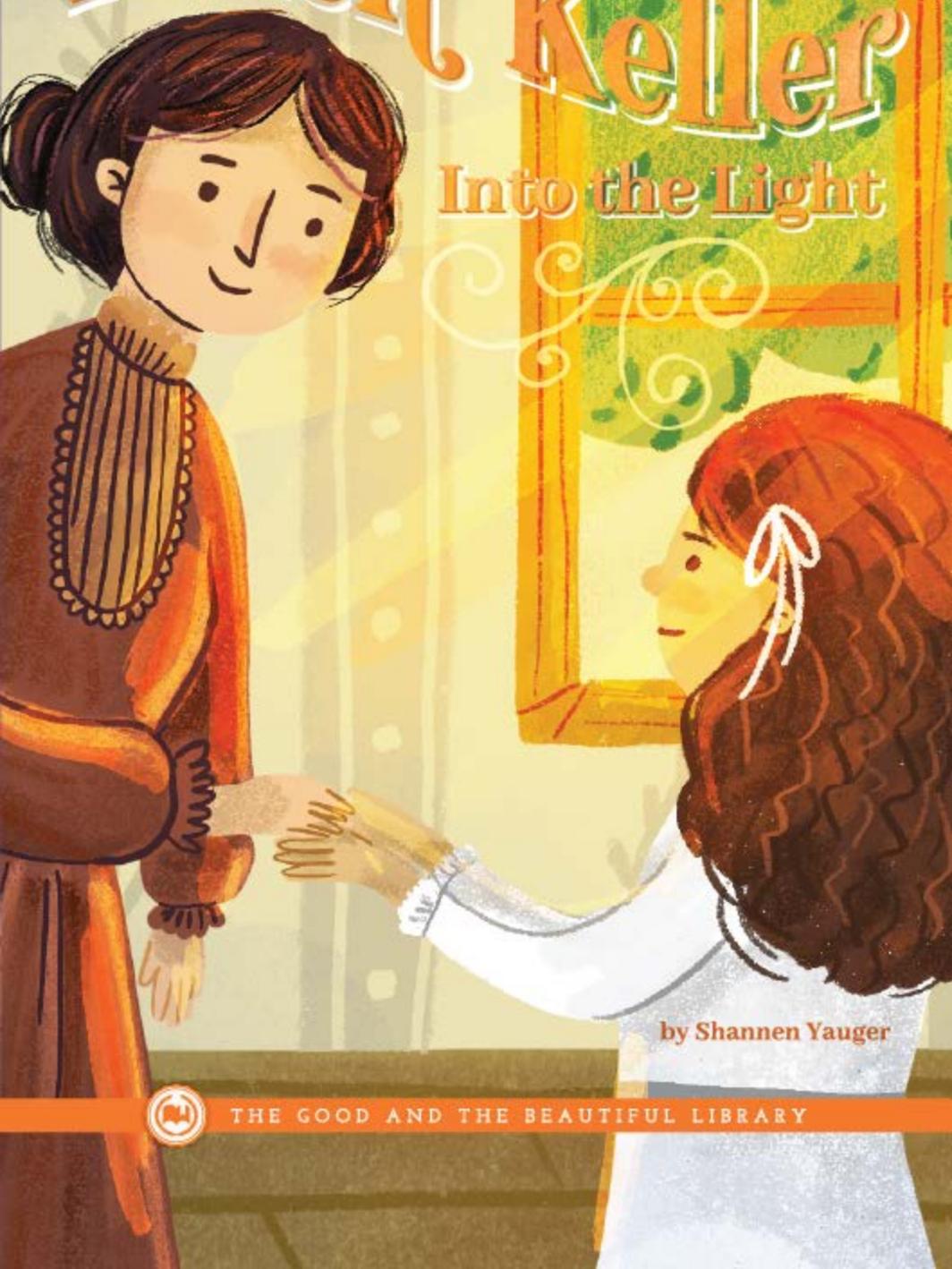


Helen Keller

Into the Light



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CHAPTER 1

Helen's Story

Let's sit in the living room.

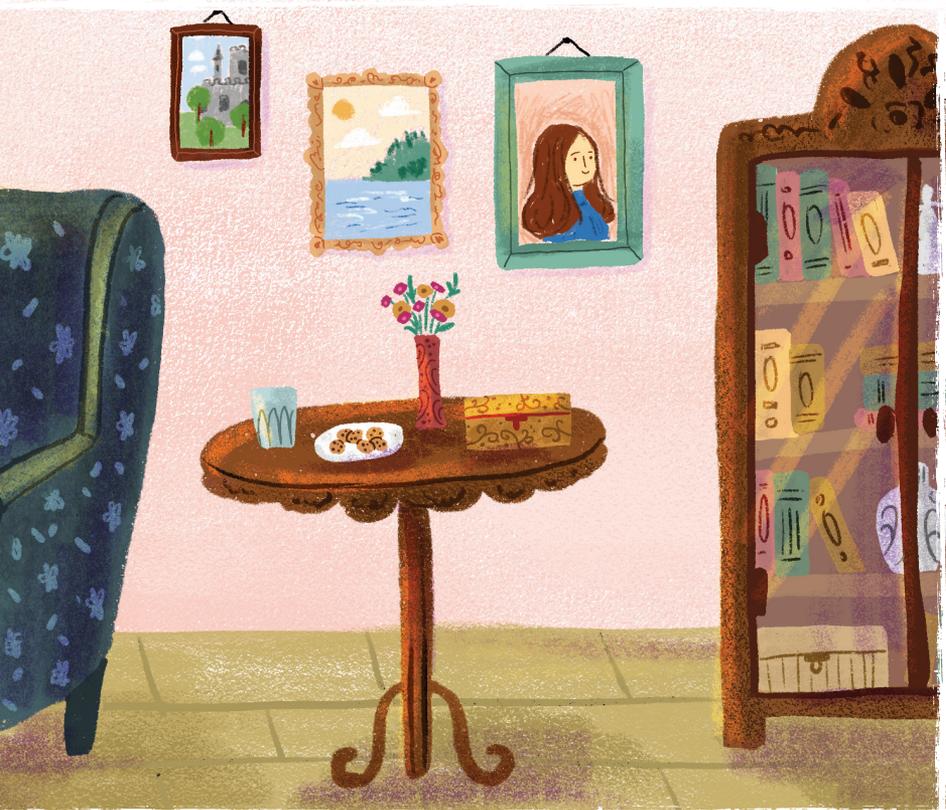
What do you hear? What do
you see?



Now, cover your eyes with your hands. Can you still see the couch? Can you still see your toys?



Keep your eyes shut, and plug
your ears with your fingers.
How do you feel? Is it a little
bit scary to not be able to see
or hear?



This loss of sight and sound happened to a young girl many years ago. Her name was Helen Keller.

Not being able to see or hear was very scary for Helen at first. There were many things that you and I can do that Helen had to work hard to try to do. She could not see her parents. She could not hear her family or her dog. Sometimes, she could not even

tell where she was!

Let's see how being brave led Helen to do many things that she, at first, felt to be too hard to do.

CHAPTER 2

The Fever

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880. She lived in the state of Alabama with her family on their farm.



Helen was a very smart baby. She learned to walk and talk early. One of her first words was “wah-wah,” which meant “water.” If she did not know a word, Helen would make up a signal to show her mom what she wanted.



Then, just a few months before her second birthday, Helen got very sick. She had a high fever, and the doctor did not have any way to help.

Helen's mom and dad were very scared. They did not know if Helen would get well again. They watched and waited, along with the doctor, for Helen's fever to go away. They felt helpless to see their little baby so sick and not be





