

Summer of the Monkeys

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Chapter 1: That's No Squirrel!

In this chapter, you get introduced to a fourteen-year-old boy named Jay Berry Lee. His parents used to be sharecroppers until their parents tell them that they can have a plot of land. Mom had two children, one was Jay and the other was Daisy who had a deformed leg. Sally Goodman, the family's milk cow, ran away and the family was worried that she would eat onions and ruin her milk. They find her and leave her to do her thing. Rowdy, Jay's dog, runs to get something. Jay thought it was a squirrel but it was actually a monkey. Jay and Rowdy run and tell dad. Dad doesn't believe him.

Vocabulary:

whippoorwills(pg. 4):a North and Central American nightjar with a distinctive call.

liable(pg14):likely to do or to be something.



Chapter 2: Monkey Dollars

Jay goes to his grandpa's shop as an errand for his mother. Jay's grandpa tells him that if you catch a monkey you will get a reward. A circus train wrecked. A bunch of the monkeys ran out of a broken train car. Grandpa knows of this because the circus guys came to the shop. Some monkeys were killed but most of them ran. Thirty monkeys were out there so Jay was going to get them alive because there was going to be a cash reward. Jay needed the money so Jay tries to catch the monkeys. A one-hundred dollar cash prize was put on the chimpanzee.

Vocabulary:

treed (pg. 17):driven up a tree:

.22 gun(pg. 19):The .22 Long Rifle rimfire (metric designation: 5.6×15mmR) cartridge is a long-established variety of ammunition, and in terms of units sold is still by far the most common in the world today.



Chapter 3: Scary Stories

Jay Berry goes back to his family farm after going to run the errand for his mom. He goes back and tells dad about the traps and asks him if he could go catch the monkeys. His dad agrees and Jay Berry goes to see if he can get his mom's permission. His mom thinks that it would be too dangerous and that he should not do it. Finally, she agrees and Jay Berry goes to his sister daisy. Daisy tells Jay Berry about The Old Man on the Mountain and Jay Berry believes her. The Old Man on the Mountain is basically God. He watches over the animals and other things. If you do not treat the animals nicely you would be cursed.

Vocabulary:

Harness(pg. 30): a set of straps and fittings by which a horse or other draft animal is fastened to a cart, plow, etc., and is controlled by its driver.

suspenders(pg. 32): a pair of straps that pass over the shoulders and fasten to the waistband of a pair of trousers or a skirt at the front and back to hold it up.



Chapter 4: Monkey Business

Jay Berry wakes up very early and eats his breakfast very fast. He was very ready to catch the monkeys. His dad tells him that he shouldn't get too worked up about the monkeys because he might not be able to catch them. If he doesn't Jay Berry could get very discouraged. The monkeys are smarter than Jay Berry thought. The hundred dollar monkey took the apples out of the traps. The monkey screamed at Jay Berry and Rowdy many times. Jay Berry got pretty discouraged. Jay Berry shot the smart monkey 2 times. The monkeys chased them off.

Vocabulary:

Wringing(pg. 41): squeeze and twist (something) to force liquid from it.

Kindling(pg. 41): easily combustible small sticks or twigs used for starting a fire.



Chapter 5: The Whole Plan

After failing his first try to catch the monkeys, he goes to his father. His father wants to get a look at the smart monkey. They both run through the forest looking for the monkeys. They don't find them so Jay Berry goes to his grandpa's store. He tells his mom what happened. Grandpa thinks Jay Berry caught the monkeys although he didn't. He gives Jay Berry a net on a stick from a butterfly professor or a lepidopterologist. Grandpa tells Jay Berry to dig a hole at night so the hundred-dollar monkey wouldn't know about the hole.

Vocabulary

briers(pg.59): any of a number of prickly scrambling shrubs, especially the sweetbrier and other wild roses.

britches(pg.60): short trousers fastened just below the knee, now chiefly worn for riding a horse or as part of ceremonial dress.



Chapter 6: The Goose Escapes!

Jay Berry went to his grandma who worried about him too much. She examined him. Jay Berry ate grandma's huckleberry pie. He went back and his mom got mad at him. She thought that Jay Berry was going crazy about the monkeys which he was. He wanted to test the net and he put the net over a goose named Gandy. He threw the net over Gandy. Gandy was trapped in the net and Jay Berry didn't know he was killing Gandy. Daisy saw this and yelled to mom who untangled the net. Gandy flew away. They dug the hole.

Vocabulary:

Examination(pg.77): a detailed inspection or investigation.

Credit(pg.78): the ability of a customer to obtain goods or services before payment, based on the trust that payment will be made in the future.



Chapter 7: How Many Tries Will it Take Him?

Jay Berry goes out again to try to catch the monkeys. He hides in the hole his father and himself made to catch the monkeys. A snake and a hornet come into the hole with him. A monkey comes and Jay Berry catches him in the net. He catches another monkey and decides to go back. He runs and the one-hundred dollar monkey stand in the way and tries to get the monkeys. A bunch of monkeys hop down and start circling him. He runs away back to his house.

Vocabulary:

terrapin(pg.93): a small edible turtle with lozenge-shaped markings on its shell, found in coastal marshes of the eastern US.

aggravate(pg.93): made more severe in recognition of the seriousness of an offense.



Chapter 8: The Unofficial Red Cross Nurse

Jay Berry gets back and Daisy sees him all messed up. He had blood all over him. Daisy thought he had hydrophobia because the monkey bit him. Daisy did dressed up as a red cross nurse and treated Rowdy's and Jay Berry's wounds. She came in with a bunch of medicines to treat his "hydrophobia". He then went to his grandpa's store and he finds out the one-hundred dollar monkey's name, Jimbo. Grandpa tells him that he should make friends with the monkey. Jay Berry gets so excited to do this he darts home.

Vocabulary:

Hydrophobia(pg.108):
extreme or irrational
fear of water,
especially as a
symptom of rabies in
humans.

paralyzed(pg.109):
partly or wholly
incapable of
movement.



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Chapter 9: The Drunk Berry

Jay Berry went to become friends with the monkeys. He saw that the monkeys took over a moonshine distillery. Jimbo offered Jay Berry a can of the sour mash but Jay Berry refused. The monkey got mad at Jay Berry. Jay Berry took it so he could become friends with Jimbo. Then Jay Berry woke up. His pants were gone. He ran around frantically trying to find his pants. They were nowhere to be found. He had a serious headache and was very dizzy. Jay Berry then saw that Rowdy was drunk and asleep as well.

Vocabulary

Still: A still is an apparatus used to distill liquid mixtures by heating to selectively boil and then cooling to condense the vapor.

Merrymaking(pg. 129): the process of enjoying oneself with others, especially by dancing and drinking.



Chapter 10: Drinking Consequences

Jay Berry woke up feeling very sick. He kept making comments about how he would die. Daisy dressed up in her red cross costume and walked into Jay Berry's bedroom with castor oil and a medical book. She didn't know how to heal Jay Berry so she used her book. She told Jay Berry he would have to drink castor oil. Jay Berry threw up. Jay Berry then went to his grandpa's shop when he started to feel better. Grandpa laughed very hard when he heard Jay Berry lost his pants. Grandpa told him that they needed to go to the library.

Vocabulary

Castor Oil(pg. 139):
Castor oil is a vegetable oil obtained by pressing the seeds of the castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*).

coaxed(pg. 145):
persuade (someone)
gradually or by flattery to
do something.



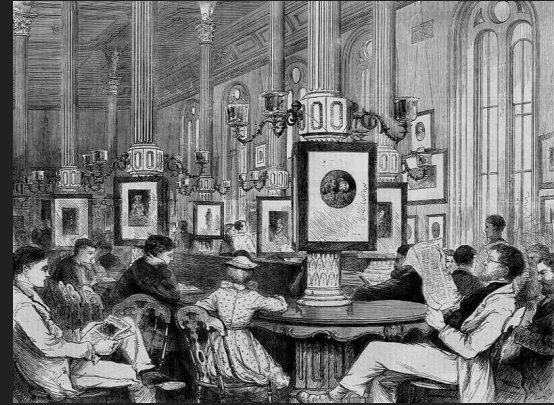
Chapter 11: You Need a Driver's License, Buddy

Jay Berry wakes up to see that everyone is already up. His grandpa was there ready to go to town with him. Jay Berry wouldn't let Rowdy go with him but grandpa persuaded him. Grandpa lets Jay Berry drive like in a painting grandpa saw. The tie rowdy up and go to a hotel. They have a blast together. They ate a huge dinner and fell asleep immediately. They woke up and went to the library. Grandpa started talking very loudly. The librarian shushed him and grandpa told her he wanted a book about catching monkeys. She gives him a book titled, *Catching Monkeys in the Jungles of Borneo*

Vocabulary:

Buckboard(pg.150): an open, four-wheeled, horse-drawn carriage with seating that is attached to a plank stretching between the front and rear axles.

Sheepish(pg.153): showing embarrassment from shame or a lack of self-confidence.



Chapter 12: At Least I Found My Britches

Jay Berry and his grandpa went to a general store where they were going to buy some coconuts and ribbons for Daisy. When they went their Jay Berry saw girl his age that had a crush on him. She wanted him to hold her hand. Jay Berry refused by yelling at her. When they then left. Jay Berry and his grandpa both got thirsty. "They went to Jay Berry's Spring". When they got back all the merchandise was gone. Jay Berry's britches were there. Then they saw Jimbo. He was dancing around with a coconut in his hand. Jimbo then disappeared.

Vocabulary

Lark(pg.180): used in names of birds of other families similar to the lark, e.g., the meadowlark.

Heifer Calf(pg. 180): A heifer is a young cow. ... Heifers are female cows who have not yet given birth to a calf.



Chapter 13: Daisy's Stories

A storm kept Jay Berry and Daisy up. Daisy was scared so she went into Jay Berry's room. She told him stories about Thor and how she saw the Old Man on the Mountains. She left with an aching leg and Jay Barry fell asleep. He had a weird dream about him and Rowdy lost. They fell asleep and the Old Man on the Mountain woke them up. He pointed them on their way after Jay Berry said how good of a boy he was. He woke up to Daisy pounding on his door. Jay Berry and his dad went to work in the blacksmith shop.

Vocabulary:

Humdinger(pg. 188): a remarkable or outstanding person or thing of its kind.

pneumonia(pg.189): lung inflammation caused by bacterial or viral infection, in which the air sacs fill with pus and may become solid.



Chapter 14: The Fairy Ring

Jay Berry and his father were working in the blacksmith shop when they heard Daisy scream. They thought it was a snake. When they got there they figured out she found a fairy ring. If you kneel in the middle of it and make a wish it will come true, but if you say what your wish is it won't come true. Jay Berry was first going to wish that he would catch the monkeys but he ended up wishing that his sister's leg could be healed. Everyone made a wish. Rowdy walked in there and sat there too. Jay Berry thought he made a wish but he didn't.

Vocabulary:

Leghorn hen(pg. 205): a breed of chicken. White Leghorns are commonly used as layer chickens in many countries of the world.

dandies(pg. 205):
Dandelions



Chapter 15: Look Who's Scared Now

Jay Berry went out to see if the monkeys were hurt after the storm. He was calling to Jimbo and there was no answer. He was going to give up until he heard a scream. He thought it was a hurt animal. He went to the sound and he found Jimbo and the monkeys. They were hurt. Jay Berry saw that one was about to die. He helped Jimbo and Jimbo hugged him. Jimbo went with Jay Berry. When he got one-hundred feet to the house, Daisy saw him. They opened up the corn crib so they could get warm. Mom was scared of Jimbo.

Vocabulary

washout(pg.212): an event that is spoiled by constant or heavy rain.

Corn crib(pg. 255): a bin or ventilated building for storing ears of corn.



Chapter 16: Goodbye, Mr. Jimbo!

Jay Berry and Rowdy go to grandpa's shop. When they get there there is a mail man. He said he could contact the circus and tell them the monkeys were caught. Jay Berry got back and went to sleep. In the morning, a circus truck was huffing down the road. Two men got out of the truck. They looked at the monkeys and gave Jay Berry a big wad of money. It was one-hundred fifty-six dollars. They also gave them four blue cards which were lifetime passes to the circus. Jay Berry went to go pick up the pony.

Vocabulary:

Telegram(pg. 222): a message sent by telegraph and then delivered in written or printed form.

Buggy(pg. 223): a light, horse-drawn vehicle for one or two people, with two or four wheels.



Chapter 17: Ponies and Abrupt Decisions

Jay Berry goes to buy his pony. He sees the ponies. One is a pony that is built for power and endurance. The second one was a fast pony which was perfect for Jay Berry. The only problem was that the pony's leg was cut and crippled. Jay Berry still picks the fast one and leaves. He then figured out that buying a pony was the wrong thing to do. He needed to spend the money for Daisy. He put the pony back and cried. He tells grandpa and grandpa decided to leave the next day. Jay Berry tells his family and his mom cried. Jay Berry and his dad will work in the shop.

Vocabulary

Roan(pg. 239): an animal with a roan coat.

Paint pony(pg. 239): The American Paint Horse is a breed of horse that combines both the conformational characteristics of a western stock horse with a pinto spotting pattern of white and dark coat colors.



Chapter 18: Dad and Jay Berry's Boring Adventure

Daisy goes to get her leg fixed with mama. Jay Berry and his dad stays behind. They just wait and wait and almost burn the house down. Jay Berry thought he could cook because he saw his mom do it so many times. He of course completely fails but does not burn the house down. Jay Berry couldn't get much sleep and his dad too. He would constantly hear his dad walking around. Jay Berry was very sad and cried a few times. Then grandpa arrived with the best news they heard in awhile, Daisy and mama were coming home. They went to the train station and Jay Berry saw Daisy's fixed leg.

Vocabulary:

Salt pork(pg. 254):
salt-cured pork

Hog lard(pg. 254): Lard is
pig fat in both its rendered
and unrendered forms



Chapter 19: The Happy Ending

Daisy had to tell Jay Berry a bunch of stories on the way home. When they got close to their house they saw that grandpa was there and he had a gift. The gift was the paint pony Jay Berry wanted. Jay Berry was really excited and ran to hug his grandpa. To make things better Daisy went up to Jay Berry with another gift. It was the exact gun Jay Berry wanted. Daisy made him promise that he wouldn't kill any small and innocent animals. Jay Berry wanted to ride the pony but Daisy wanted something else. She wanted to run around with Jay Berry because she never got to do that.

Vocabulary:

Nickered(pg. 257): (of a horse) give a soft, low, breathy whinny.

Chicken Hawk(pg. 258): a hawk of a type that is reputed to prey on domestic fowl.

