The Penderwicks

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Q: How many Penderwick sisters are there?

A: 4

Q: Who are they?

A: Rosalind- age 12, Skye- age 11, Jabe- age 10, Batty- age 4

Q: Where do they spend summer vacation in the novel?

A: Arundel, a cottage in the Berkshire Mountains

Q: How long did they stay?

A: Three weeks

Q: How did the Penderwicks get lost when driving there?

A: Hound ate the map b/c Batty hid a sandwich in it

Q: Who gave them directions and free tomatoes?

A: Harry the tomato guy

Q: What does Batty always wear?

A: Orange and black butterfly wings

Q: Who is Sabrina Starr?

A: The heroine of the books Jane writes

Q: What does Sabrina Starr do?

A: She rescues animals and people

Q: What color is Jane’s favorite notebook?

A: Blue

Q: What is the address of Arundel?

A: Number 11, Stafford St- Mrs. Tifton’s place

Q: What does Harry warn them of?

A: To stay away from Tifton’s gardens

Q: What was the address carved on?

A: 2 pillars

Q: Why were the kids amazed?

A: Arundel was a mansion

Q: Who is Rosalind’s friend that she writes to throughout the book?

A: Anna

Q: What did Anna tell Rosalind about people’s hands?

A: You could learn a lot about a person by looking at their hands

Q: Who is Cagney?

A: the gardener

Q: What is he wearing?

A: Gardener’s gloves

Q: What does Jane see as they drive to the cottage at the back of Arundel?

A: A boy in the mansion window

Q: What is Hound Draw Order

A: Names are laid on the floor with biscuits and whoever Hound goes to first, goes first, and so on

Q: Describe Skye’s bedroom

A: white, clean, organized, two beds

Q: Why is Skye’s camo hat lucky?

A: She was wearing it when she fell off the garage and didn’t break any bones

Q: What does Rosalind put on her bedside table?

A: A picture of her mother

Q: What does Batty call the shared closet between her and Rosalind’s room?

A: a secret passage

Q: What language does Mr Penderwick sometimes talk in?

A: Latin

Q: What does Skye find when she goes snooping through the garden?

A: A secret tunnel through the hedge

Q: Who does she run into?

A: Jeffrey, the boy in the window, injures him, insults his mother

Q: Why does Mrs Tifton want Cagney to cut down the white Fimbriata rose bush by the driveway?

A: it scratched the car of one of the garden club committee members

Q: Hwy is Cagney upset by this?

A: his uncle planted that there 30 years ago when he was gardener

Q: What does Cagney do with the bush?

A: Moves it to the cottage

Q: What is MOOPS?

A: Meeting Of Older Penderwick Sisters (no Batty, and Batty doesn’t know it exists)

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A: Meeting Of Penderwick Sisters (Batty included)

Q: Who is Batty named after?

A: Her mother, Elizabeth

Q: When did their mother die?

A: Two weeks after Batty was born, of cancer

Q: Was do the girls decide at the first Moops meeting in the novel?

A: Jane will apologize to Jeffrey about Skye insulting his mother

Q: Who replants the rosebush?

A: Rosalind and Cagney

Q: Who does Jane meet first when she goes to apologize?

A: Mrs Churchill, “Churchie,” the housekeeper

Q: What does she tell Jane?

A: Hound is a secret

Q: Who made the tunnel?

A: Cagney made it for Jeffrey so he could escape from garden club ladies

Q: What is Skye’s favorite subject?

A: math

Q: What happens when Skye burns the apology cookies?

A: Cagney and Rosalind run in and put a hose on the smoking oven, Jane and Jeffrey come in and Skye insults him again

Q: What does Mr Penderwick then do?

A: He sends them on a walk.

Q: What happened when they pass the secret wooden gate with a bull on the other side?

A: Batty crawls under the gate and goes in

Q: What is OAP?

A: Oldest Available Penderwick- job is to watch Batty

Q: Who walked the wall to yell at the bull?

A: Jane

Q: What did Batty think the bull was?

A: a horse

Q: Who ran at the bull to distract it by throwing rocks?

A: Jeffrey

Q: Who grabbed Batty and ran ?

A: Skye

Q: What did they swear on the Penderwick Family Honor?

A: Not to tell Rosalind or Daddy what happened

Q: Why does Jeffrey give the girls a soccer ball?

A: Hound pops theirs

Q: What happened when Teddy Robinette comes over?  
A: Skye and Jane escape out Jeffrey’s window by climbing down a tree

Q: Who saves them?

A: Cagney, with a ladder

Q: What does Jeffery tell Teddy to make him not come over anymore?

A: That he will tell his mother he cheated on all his math tests

Q: Why doesn’t Jeffrey like Teddy?

A: He’s a bully

Q: Who is Dexter Dupree?

A: Mrs Tifton’s boyfriend

Q: Who was Mrs Tifton’s mother?

A: Mrs Framley

Q: What does Churchie invite the girls to?

A: Jeffrey’s 11th birthday party

Q: What do they wear?

A: Altered fancy dresses from Mrs Tifton’s attic that Churchis fixes up

Q: When did Mrs Framly die?

A: When Brenda (Mrs Tifton) was 17

Q: What happened then?

A: Brenda got married, got pregnant, got divorced

Q: Where did the name ‘Mrs Tifton’ come from?

A: It if the name of the General- Mr Framley’s mother, b/c Brenda didn’t want to keep her divorced name

Q: When did the General die?  
A: When Jeffrey was 7

Q: When did Mrs Tifton first meet the girls?

A: At the birthday party

Q: What does Jeffrey get from his mother for his birthday?

A: golf clubs in a brown bag

Q: What does Dupree get him?

A: golf lessons at the country club

Q: What does Dupree tell Jane?

A: He will look at her book

Q: What does Jane believe?  
A: That everyone has a good side, even Dupree

Q:What does Skye give Jeffrey for his b-day?

A: her camo hat

Q: What does Batty give Jeffrey?

A: Her framed picture of Hound

Q: What do Rosalind and Jane give him?

A: A book about musicians

Q: What do the Penderwicks and Jeffrey overhear when they are hiding in the garden after party?

A: Mrs Tifton and Dupree talking about sending Jeffrey away to Pencey Military School

Q: Why does Dupree want to send Jeffrey early at age 11?  
A: So he can marry Mrs Tiftom

Q: What does Dupree do?

A: He’s a publisher

Q: Batty told Hound what about Mrs Tifton?

A: That she’s so mean the flowers die when she walks by

Q: Who do Jane and Skye paint on the cardboard archery target?

A: Dupree with his initials :D.D.

Q: When Batty goes to feed Yaz and Carla, who scares her?

A: Mrs Tifton and Dupree

Q: What happens?

A: Yaz gets out

Q: Who are Yaz and Carla?

A: Cagney’s rabbits that Batty takes care of

Q: What does Mrs Tifton always call Batty?

A: Bitty

Q: What does Mrs Tifton always call Skye?

A: Jane

Q: Who catches Yaz?

A: Hound

Q: Why are the girls upset?

A: They think Hound killed him, but he didn’t

Q: Batty runs away b/c she is afraid she will be in trouble for letting Yaz out. Where does she plan on going?

A: Back to Cameron. She walks two hours until rescued by Jeffrey when she walks out onto a road nad is almost hit by a car.

Q: How did Jeffrey and the girls track Batty?

A: They let Hound track her by smelling Funty the blue elephant.

Q: Who is the judge of the garden competition?

A: Sir Barnaby Patterne, a distinguished English gardener

Q: What do the children name the soccer balls they play with?

A: Dexter and Pencey

Q: How do the children ruin the garden competition?

A: They chase the soccer balls and smash into the urn filled with pink jasmine and knock it down.

Q: Who was Jane making fun of when Mrs Tifton overheard?

A: Dupree

Q: What do Batty and Rosalind give Cagney for the rabbits in apology for when Yaz escaped?

A: foraged food and a book of Civil War photographs

Q: Who won the garden competition?

A: Arundel got 2nd place, Mrs Robinette got 1st

Q: What does Jeffrey try to teach Skye how to play?

A: the piano

Q: When Mrs Tifton is in a rage, and picks on their absent mother, what does Skye scream in reply?

A: Their mother is DEAD.

Q: What happens to Rosalind when she is spying on Cagney and his girlfriend?

A: She falls into the lily pond and bumps her head. They pull her out and Cagney carries her home.

Q: What is Cagney’s girlfriend’s name?

A: Kathleen, she has long red hair

Q: Churchie calls Skye and leaves a message from Jeffrey. What is the message?

A: “It is not her fault.” Jeffrey went to Pennsylvania to visit Pencey.

Q: Who is Arthur?

A: The boy in Jane’s book that Sabrina Starr is saving.

Q: What color is the binder Jane’s TYPED book is in?

A: red

Q: What does Dupree tell Jane about her book when she goes to show it to him?

A: That “it’s lousy.”

Q: What does Jane then do with the typed book?

A: Shreds the pages.

Q: Who stops her?

A: Her dad.

Q: How does he convince her to stop?

A: He tells her Dupree publishes car magazines and knows nothing about books.

Q: When Jeffrey runs away, what does he put in his bed to resemble a body?

A: The gold bag.

Q: What is Jeffrey’s plan?

A: He plans to run to Boston to stay with Churchie’s daughter.

Q: What else does he plan on doing?

A: Looking for his dad.

Q: How will he pay his way?

A: Sell a coin collection.

Q: Where does he sleep the night he runs away?

A: In Batty’s bed and Batty sleeps with Rosalind.

Q: Who comes to the cottage to look for Jeffrey the next morning?

A: Mrs Tifton and Dupree.

Q: What happens when they come?

A: Dupree hits hound and Mrs Tifton makes fun of Batty for not talking.

Q: Who goes to talk to them with Jeffrey?

A: Mr Penderwick

Q: How does Jeffrey convince his mother NOT to send him to Pencey?

A: He tells the story of when her father thought dumping her in the deep end of a pool to teach her to swim was good for her. Her mother saved her.

Q: What does Cagney give Rosalind as a good-bye gift?

A: A white Fimbriata rose bush.

Q: What else does he do?

A: He kisses her on the head and tells her boys will appreciate that she’s easy to talk to,

Q: Where does Jeffrey go to school?

A: He gets sent to school in Boston and will take a music class at the conservatory.

Q: What does Batty give Jeffrey as a good-bye gift?

A: Her butterfly wings.