

My Side of the Mountain

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Characters:

- Sam Gribley** - Boy who ran away to live in the mountains
The Baron - A wild weasel who lives behind the big boulder to the north of Sam's tree
Frightful - A falcon caught and trained by Sam
Bill - Man who taught Sam to make a fire
Miss Turner - Librarian at Delhi Library who helped Sam
The Baron - the weasel
Bando - a college English teacher lost in the Catskills
Thoreau - The nickname Bando gave to Sam
Jessie Coon James - a scrabbly, skinny young raccoon
Mrs. Thomas Fielder - The elderly woman who had Sam help her pick strawberries
Matt Spell - young boy who works for the Poughkeepsie New Yorker, a newspaper
Aaron - a man hiking along the gorge, he wrote songs and was from New York
Tom Sidler - a boy Sam met in town and nicknamed **Mr. Jacket**
Dad and Mom - Sam's Dad and Mom
John, Jim, Mary, Alice, Hank, Joan, Jake and baby sister - Sam's siblings

Who owned the land that Sam was headed to? His Great-grandfather Gribley pg. 13

Where was this land located? In the Catskills pg. 13

How would Sam know it? An old beech tree with the name Gribley carved on it marked the northern boundary Pg. 13

What did Sam's dad think of the land? That it was no place for a Gribley pg. 13

What happened to Sam's great-grandfather? He felled trees and built a home and plowed the land only to discover he wanted to be a sailor pg. 13

What did Sam's dad call the land? Gribley's folly pg. 13

How did he feel trying to sleep his first night on the mountain? Hungry, cold and miserable pg. 23

- How did Sam cheat in making his wooden fish hook? He used string to wind it together instead of bark pg. 20
- How large was Sam's family? 4 sisters, 4 brothers, Dad, Mother and him pg. 13
- Where was Sam's home before he left for the Catskill? New York pg.15
- What did Sam have when he left New York? A penknife, a ball of cord, an ax, forty dollars, some flint and steel and some tinder to catch the sparks pg. 15
- What was his first form of transportation on his way to the Catskills? He took a train north pg. 15
- How did he get into the Catskills after his train ride? Hitched rides pg. 16
- What did he use for a calendar? An aspen pole stuck in the ground which he cut notches in for days. Pg. 44
- Who gave Sam a lecture he will never forget? The weasel pg. 64
- What did the little old lady make Sam do with her? Pick strawberries pg. 49
- What animal was absolutely unafraid of Sam? The weasel pg. 65
- With whom did Sam have a harassing but wonderful friendship?
The weasel pg. 65
- What did Sam boil in water until it was dry to get a salty residue?
Hickory sticks pg. 67
- What did Sam make his bed out of for his house? Ash slats pg.68
- Who cut Sam's hair? Miss Turner the Librarian pg. 52
- How did Sam get his first deer? A poacher shot it and Sam hid it so the hunter couldn't find it. Pg. 71
- What did Sam use to hide the first deer he got? Hemlock boughs from his bed and ferns. Pg 71
- What is venison? Deer meat pg. 73

What makes a pip, pop, pop sound as it comes to the surface of the earth?

Earthworms pg. 73

What gives off tannic acid needed to tan the deer hide? Water and oak pg. 74

What did Sam use to hold the tannic acid and deer? An old stump pg. 74

What was Sam's door of his house made of? Deer hide pg. 75

What else did Sam make with the deer hide?

Jesses and leg straps for Frightful pg. 75

What did Sam do to preserve food? Smoke it

Why did Sam call the man sleeping by his tree Bando? He thought he was an outlaw because he had heard sirens earlier. Pg. 90

What did the man Sam called Bando turn out to be? A college English teacher lost in the Catskills pg 96

What did Bando call Sam? Thoreau pg 97

What did Bando help Sam build? A raft pg 95

When Bando went into town what did he bring back? 5 pounds of sugar pg. 98

What did Bando hope to make with all the sugar? Blueberry Jam pg. 98

What did Bando make to keep the jam in? clay Jars and lids pg 99

What musical instrument did Bando teach Sam to make? Willow whistles pg. 101

Who scared the loneliness right out of Sam in the Fall? The Baron weasel pg 107

What did Sam build so he would not be cold in the winter? A fireplace pg 105

How did Sam know that there wasn't enough air in his tree house when he had a fire going in the fireplace? Frightful was toppling over and her eyes looked glassy. Pg.110

Who was scrawny and skinny and had come to Sam for help?

A young raccoon pg. 85

What did Sam name the raccoon? Jessie Coon James pg. 85

Who protected the hickory nuts while Sam went to collect walnuts?
Frightful pg. 112

When Sam began racing to collect apples, who was he racing against?
Squirrels, raccoons and a fat old skunk pg. 113

What was Sam making his winter underwear out of? Rabbit skins pg. 115

How did Sam celebrate Halloween? By letting the woodland animals into his tree house and feeding them pg. 117

What happened at the end of the Halloween party when Sam chased the animals out of his tree house? He got skunked pg. 118

What did Sam call the boy he met in the drugstore? Mr. Jacket pg. 133

What did Sam almost forget to do for winter? Stack up a big woodpile pg. 133

What did Sam eat on cold winter mornings? Professor Bando's jam on hard acorn pancakes with hickory nuts pg. 136

Who did Sam name because they reminded him of Third Ave?
the birds of winter pg. 140

What were the names he gave the birds? Mr. Bracket, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Callaway and Mrs Federio pg. 141

What did Sam use to hold water boil eggs in? He sewed a big skunk-cabbage leaf into a cup pg. 41

What kind and how many fish did Sam catch his first day? Pg. 21

- A. 6 catfish
- B. 5 trout
- C. 3 bass
- D. 4 salmon

What did Bill tell Sam three times to do when lighting a fire? Pg. 25

- A. Throw logs on

- B. Keep water near by
- C. Keep blowing
- D. Don't give up

What is the name of the town near the Gribley's land? pg.26

- A. Delhi
- B. New York
- C. Bando
- D. Gribley

Who help Sam find the Gribley's land? pg.28

- A. Bando
- B. Miss Turner
- C. Bill
- D. Mrs. Fielder

What were Sam's plates made out of ? pg. 152

- A. Clay
- B. Bark
- C. Turtle Shells
- D. Tin cans

What was the first part of the farm Sam found? Pg. 29

- A. Mound of rocks that was the boundary fence
- B. Part of the chimney from the house
- C. The old beech tree with Gribley carved on it
- D. The foundation of the house

What had combustible fuel that the Indians used to start fires? Pg. 30

- A. Acorns
- B. Beech tree branches
- C. Dried fish
- D. Bark of the river birch

When making salt, what did he boil dry leaving a salty residue? Pg. 67

- A. Hickory nuts
- B. Hickory sticks
- C. Beech tree leaves
- D. Dandelions

Where did he make his home that could not be seen? Pg. 38

- A. In a cave

- B. By the stream
- C. Inside a tree
- D. Digging a hole

When Sam went to the town drugstore in his new set of deerskin clothing what did a young boy call him? pg. 120

- A. Daniel Boone
- B. Bando
- C. Davy Crockett
- D. Mr. Jacket

What was the type of tree that Sam made his home in? pg. 42

- A. Birch
- B. Maple
- C. Beech
- D. Hemlock

How did Sam make the hole in the tree big enough to live in? pg. 42

- A. dug it out with his hands
- B. used his ax to chop it out
- C. soaked it in water
- D. burned it out with fire

How did Sam catch his falcon? Pg. 55

- A. He climbed the cliff to the nest
- B. He set a trap
- C. He found it wounded
- D. He climbed a tree to the nest

Who was the first man Sam found by his camp? Pg. 59

- A. a lost college professor
- B. a forest ranger
- C. a song writer
- D. a reporter

What did Sam decide to do when the first man left his camp? Pg. 61

- A. to move
- B. to cover his tracks
- C. to keep his yard clean
- D. to cook by the stream

How did Sam meet the weasel? Pg. 63 - 64

- A. Sam caught him in a bow trap
- B. Sam found him in his tree home
- C. The weasel walked into Sam's camp
- D. The weasel was wounded by a hunter

How did hunters help Sam? Pg. 123

- A. they left behind cooking pots
- B. they left dead deer behind that they couldn't find
- C. they showed him how to hunt
- D. they talked to him so he wasn't lonely

How did Sam use the deer he found killed? Pg. 123 - 126

- A. for bait
- B. food for animals
- C. for fire
- D. for food and clothing

Who came for Christmas to visit Sam? Pg. 143 &150

- A. the Baron & Jessie
- B. Matt and Bill
- C. Bando and Sam's dad
- D. Tom and Aaron

What instrument did Professor Bando make for Christmas? Pg. 153

- A. Flutes from old, dried reeds
- B. Willow whistles
- C. Trumpets
- D. Drums

What was visiting Sam in his tree house at night? Pg.161

- A. a raccoon
- B. a fox
- C. a mouse
- D. a weasel

What did Sam crave and eat that made him feel better during the winter and is rich in Vitamin C. pg. 171

- A. Oranges
- B. Liver
- C. Nuts
- D. Bark

What was the name of the boy who work on the Poughkeepsie New Yorker newspaper? Pg. 178

- A. Bill
- B. Aaron
- C. Tom Sidler
- D. **Matt Spell**

What was the boy who worked for the newspaper looking for? Pg. 178

- A. **The wild boy**
- B. Deer
- C. a place to live
- D. food

What did Sam have Frightful catch to feed to Matt Spell? Pg. 180

- A. Deer
- B. Pheasant
- C. **Rabbit**
- D. Fox

Matt would not print Sam's true story if Sam would do what? Pg. 185

- A. Go back home to New York
- B. **Let Matt come back and stay for his spring break**
- C. Let Matt keep Frightful
- D. Make Matt a deerskin suit

What did Sam teach to the man who was hiking along the gorge? Pg. 191

- A. **The nice songs Sam had made up**
- B. How to catch a rabbit
- C. The way to make onion soup
- D. How to make a reed whistle

Who decided to make a guest house at Sam's camp? Pg. 196

- A. Sam's dad and Bando
- B. Sam's mom and dad
- C. Aaron and Bill
- D. **Matt and Bando**

What instrument did Bando make for Sam, Matt and himself in the Spring? Pg. 197

- A. **Trombones**
- B. Flutes
- C. Whistles
- D. Drums

Who told Sam all about the school in town and about the people in Delhi? Pg. 200

- A. Aaron
- B. Matt Spell
- C. Bando
- D. Tom Sidler

Who were the last people to come and visit Sam in the woods? Pg. 205

- A. Matt Spell and Bill
- B. Sam's family
- C. Aaron and Bando
- D. The Baron and Jessie

Why did Sam's family come to the old Gribley farm? Pg. 208

- A. to find Sam and take him to New York
- B. to visit Sam for a summer vacation
- C. To make a home on the Gribley farm with Sam
- D. To hunt and fish for a while

Number the Stars

By Lois Lowry

Characters

Annemarie Johansen- Athletic, silvery blonde hair, good student, long legs, 10 years old.
Ellen Rosen- Annemarie's best friend, 10 years old, dark pigtails, good student
Kirsti- Annemarie's little sister, stubborn
Mrs. Johansen- Annemarie's mother.
Mrs. Rosen- Ellen's mother.
Peter Neilsen- brought them *De Frie Danske* (an illegal newspaper), was going to marry Lise.
Lise Johansen- Annemarie's deceased sister, was going to marry Peter Neilson
Papa- Annemarie's dad
King Christian- King of Denmark
Mrs. Hirsch- owned a shop selling sewing supplies, Jewish
Mr. Hirsch- Mrs. Hirsch's husband
Samuel Hirsch- son of Mr. And Mrs. Hirsch; "thick glasses, stooped shoulders, unruly hair"
Uncle Henrik- Annemarie's uncle. Fisherman. Lived across from Sweden (separated by sea)

Questions

How many soldiers stand at most corners? 2.
What food wasn't allowed anymore? Tea, coffee, butter, sugar.
What did the King of Denmark say when the soldier asked why he didn't have a bodyguard?
"All of Denmark is my bodyguard."
What language was the sign in on Mrs. Hirsch's shop? German
What did Annemarie and Ellen like to cut out of her mom's old magazines? Dolls.
How did Lise die? She was hit by a military car in the war.
What did Mr. Johansen show the soldiers to prove that Ellen was Lise Johansen? A picture of Lise as a baby.
What did Kirsti name the kitten at Uncle Henrik's house? Thor.
What did Mrs. Johansen say her aunt had died of when the soldiers asked her to open the casket? Typhus
What happened when Mr. Rosen tripped on the loose step outside Uncle Henrik's house? The packet with the handkerchief fell out of his pocket.
How did Mrs. Johansen break her ankle? She tripped when she was running back from the boat.
What story did Annemarie say to herself as she was running? Little Red Riding-Hood.
How was Peter getting the *De Frie Danske*? He was part of the Resistance