



The novel opens with Aunt Dete taking her niece, Heidi, to stay with the young girl's grandfather, a goatherd who lives alone in the Swiss Alps. Dete, who has taken care of Heidi since she was orphaned as a baby, has a new job and can no longer care for the child. However, villagers express concern about Heidi living with her grandfather. Ele is a bitter old man who has become reclusive and has rejected religion. Nevertheless, Heidi is left with him, and the odd couple—after some initial reluctance on the grandfather's part—are happy together. Away from her aunt's oppression, the little girl's spirits soar, and her goodness and faith soften the old man's heart. She quickly comes to love life on the mountain and makes friends with Peter the goatherd and his blind grandmother, among others. However, three years after leaving Heidi, Aunt Dete reappears, having found her niece a job in *Frankfurt* as a companion to a wheelchair-bound girl, Clara Sesemann. Dete believes the change will be good for Heidi, especially as Grandfather has refused send her to school or church. Heidi reluctantly goes, and her departure is especially upsetting to Grandfather and Peter's grandmother. Once at the Sesemann house, Heidi learns to love Clara, and she becomes close to Clara's grandmother, who teaches her about God. However, the servants-particularly the coldhearted, Miss Rottenmeier, the housekeeper —make Heidi unhappy, and she desperately misses the mountains. Ghostly sightings are revealed to be Heidi, whose homesickness has caused her to sleepwalk. A kindly doctor intervenes, and Heidi returns to the mountain to a joyous welcome. At her encouragement, Grandfather prays; grandfather and niece attend church later. His return to society is complete when he promises to live with Heidi in the village during the winter. Clara later visits, and a jealous Peter causes her wheelchair to break. With help from Heidi and Peter, however, Clara begins to walk. A thrilled Mr. Sesemann promises Grandfather that he will take care of Heidi when the old man dies.

SUMMARY

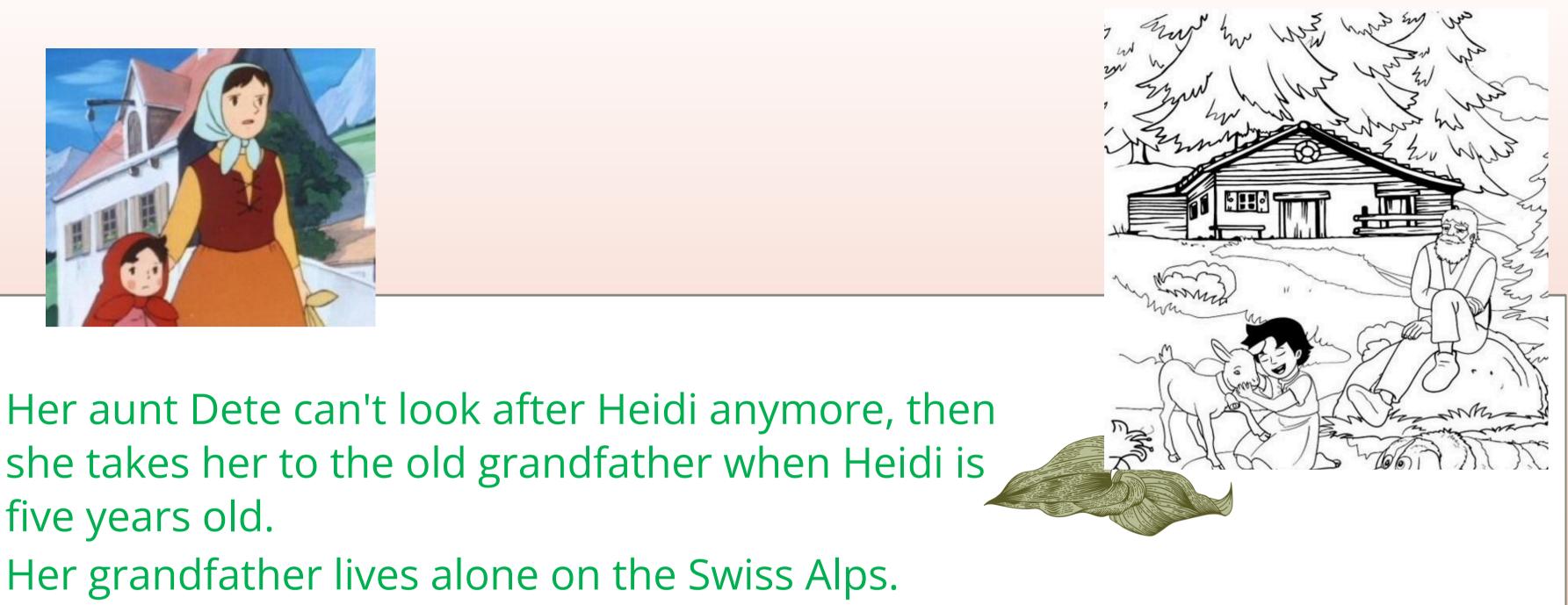


Heidi is an orphan young girl. She lives with her aunt Dete.









five years old.



Heidi likes the mountain and she is happy to live in the nature, surrounded by sheep and goats.





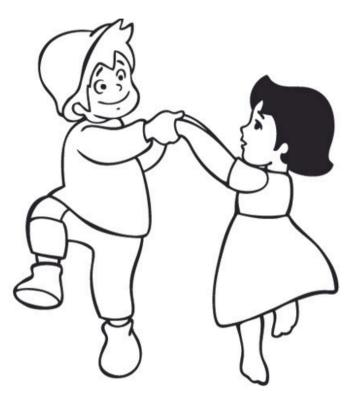
Peter is a goatherd. He lives on the mountain too. They become good friends.







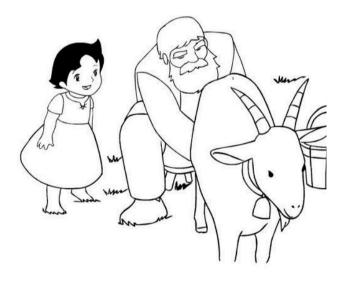




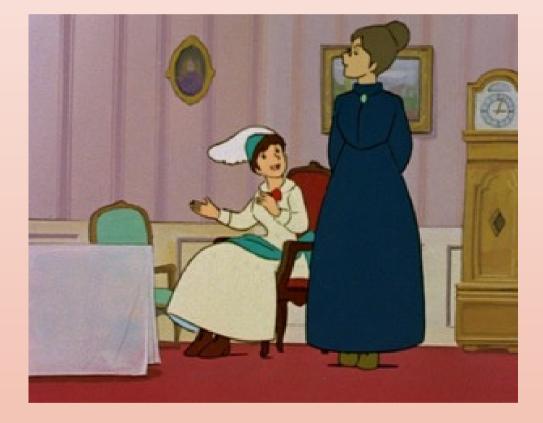


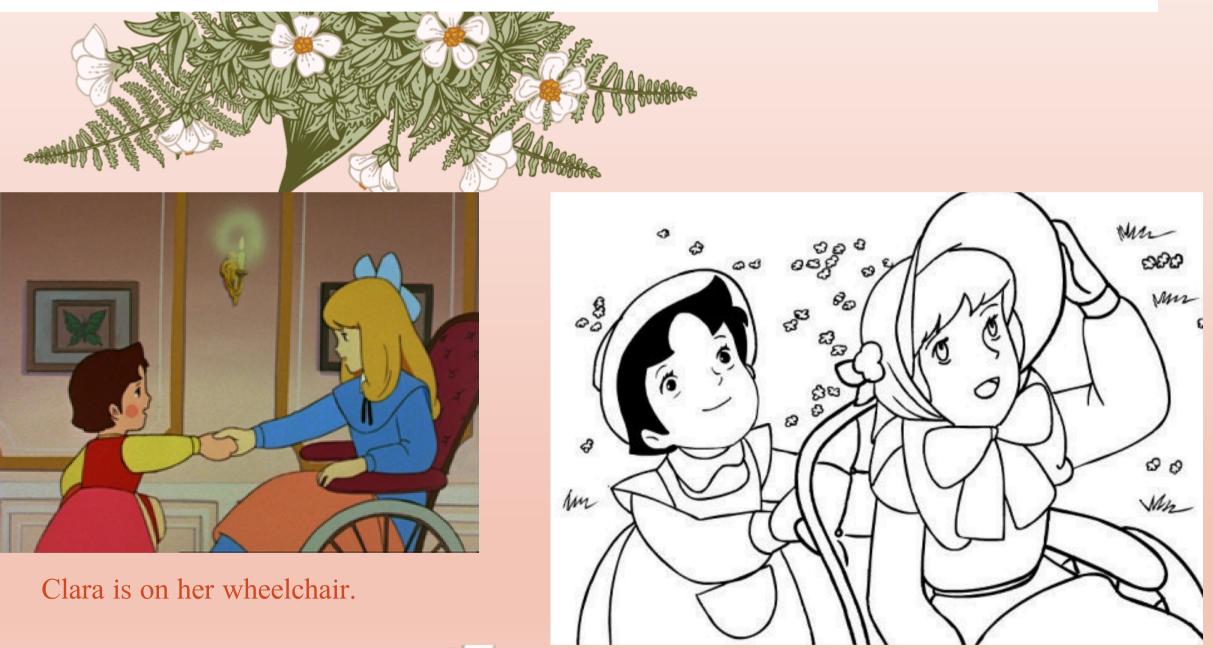
The grandfather refuses to send Heidi to school or church. He is a reclusive man, he never goes to the village but the little girl's goodness and faith soften the old man's heart.





Three years later, aunt Dete finds a new job at Sesemann family in Frankfurt. She decides to move Heidi to the German town. Heidi meets a new friend, Clara. The young girl can't walk, she is on a wheelchair.













She teaches her about God.





Heidi meets Clara's grandmother.



Heidi is sad and homesick in Frankfurt. Clara's father let Heidi go back to her grandfather. One day Clara visits Heidi with her grandma. Clara and Heidi live joyful days together on the mountains. But a jealous Peter causes Clara's wheelchair to break.

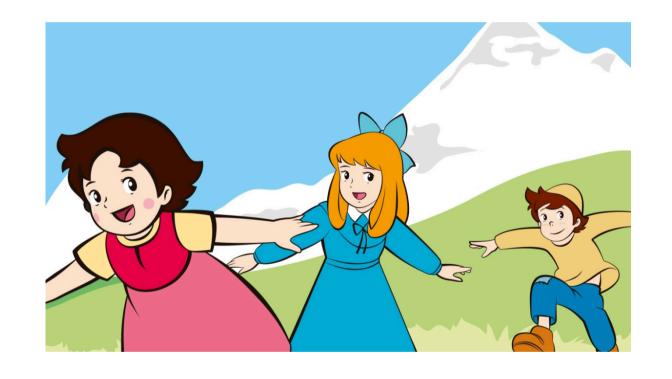


















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Heidi, Heidi your nest is on the mountains Heidi, Heidi, you were sad overthere downtown Wow, here is a fantastic world Heidi, Heidi, as white as you Heidi, Heidi, tender and small, such a great heart Your friends on the mountains, Mu Mu, Cip Cip, Be Be They are telling you 'do not leave!' They explain to you why You would be a little fish That leaves the water A little bird in a cage that will die of boredom Heidi, Heidi the mountains will smile at you Heidi, Heidi, the little goats say hallo to you Snow, white, it seems milk made by clouds Heidi, Heidi, all belongs to you Heidi, Heidi, tender small with a such great heart

Heidi, Heidi, il tuo nido è sui monti Heidi, Heidi, eri triste laggiù in città Accipicchia, qui c'è un mondo fantastico Heidi, Heidi, candido come te! Heidi, Heidi, tenera, piccola, con un cuore così! Gli amici di montagna, Mu mu, Cip Cip, Be Be. Ti dicon "Non partire!" Ti spiegano il perchè Saresti un pesciolino Che dall'acqua se ne va Un uccellino in gabbia Che di noia morirà. Heidi, Heidi, ti sorridono i monti Heidi, Heidi, le caprette ti fanno ciao Neve, bianca, sembra latte di nuvola Heidi, Heidi, tutto appartiene a te Heidi, Heidi, tenera, piccola, Con un cuore cosi!



JOHANNA SPYRI



Johanna Louise Heusser nota come Johanna Spyri è nata nel 1827 a Hirzel, in Svizzera ed è morta a Zurigo nel 1901.

Quarta di sei figli, suo padre era un medico e la madre una poetessa.

Nel 1852 si sposa con l'avvocato e giornalista Johann Bernhard Spyri, che era un amico personale del grande compositore tedesco Richard Wagner.

Pubblica il primo racconto nel 1871, nel 1880 nasce il primo libro di avventure che ha per protagonista Heidi. A Johanna Spyri stavano molto a cuore le condizioni di vita dei bambini nella sua epoca .







