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Where The Red Fern Grows

Where the red Fern Grows takes place in the Ozark mountains, where Billy Colman wants to buy a pair of hound puppies that he sees advertised. To earn money for the puppies, **(Billy)** works hard for two years catching **(fish)**, gathering berries, and trapping animals to **(sell)**. When his savings total fifty dollars, **(he)** goes to his grandfather's store, **(where)** he explains to his grandfather how **(and)** why he earned the money. Billy **(shows)** Grandpa the ad for the dogs. **(Moved)** by the boy's determination, Grandpa **(agrees)** to write to the kennel.

Grandpa **(orders)** the dogs, which cost ten dollars **(less)** than Billy expected. When the dogs **(arrive)** at the nearest train station, in **(the)** town of Tahlequah, Grandpa explains that **(Billy)** can get a ride with him **(to)** pick them up the following week. **(But)** Billy is too eager to wait. **(He)** packs some food and walks, barefoot, **(twenty)** miles to town.

Billy has never **(been)** to town before, and everything about **(the)** town seems strange and new to **(him)**. On his way to the station, **(Billy)** sees his reflection for the first **(time)** in a store window, buys gifts **(for)** his family, and encounters some school **(children)**, who wonder why he has no **(shoes)**. He takes his first ride down **(a)** playground slide.

At the train station, **(Billy)** is nervous. The kindly stationmaster leads **(Billy)** to a freight box and lifts **(out)** the two hound puppies. Billy is **(too)** excited to speak. The puppies are **(his)**, all his.





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Grandpa **(orders, innocent, page)** the dogs, which cost ten dollars **(triangular, less, drab)** than Billy expected. When the dogs **(copy, give, arrive)** at the nearest train station, in **(the, hot, protect)** town of Tahlequah, Grandpa explains that **(Billy, attend, huge)** can get a ride with him **(threw, make, to)** pick them up the following week. **(But, Whose, Shoe)** Billy is too eager to wait. **(Porter, He, Step)** packs some food and walks, barefoot, **(twenty, unexpectedly, cruelly)** miles to town.

Billy has never **(damage, tongue, been)** to town before, and everything about **(the, egg, horn)** town seems strange and new to **(shaggy, him, scorch)**. On his way to the station, **(repulsive, Billy, paid)** sees his reflection for the first **(shy, time, victorious)** in a store window, buys gifts **(for, different, safely)** his family, and encounters some school **(afraid, children, fallen)**, who wonder why he has no **(out, iron, shoes)**. He takes his first ride down **(a, square, ear)** playground slide.

At the train station, **(Billy, tore, long)** is nervous. The kindly stationmaster leads **(uh-huh, so, Billy)** to a freight box and lifts **(unless, out, drive)** the two hound puppies. Billy is **(bland, too, event)** excited to speak. The puppies are **(innocent, meal, his)**, all his.

