

# Preface

In the early days of the 1930s, life for kids tucked away in the quiet woodlands of the Adirondack Mountains in a little hamlet known as Chilson was rich with nature and filled with human characters.

The following stories are recollections of one woman who, beginning more than eighty years ago, spent her childhood on the hillsides and in the woods of the eastern edge of the Adirondacks.

This is a child's-eye view of days long gone, of a place and of people who are forever in her heart, so that the memories are fresh.

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## Nicknames

Mim — My mother (Mary)  
Bubby — My brother (Harland)  
Yada — Me (Gloria)  
Cowboy — Harold Hayford  
Bob — My stepfather (Robert Ford)

Some of the other names in this book are not the actual names of the people. These names are fictitious.

—GSR

