

Fern Woodland & The Beautiful Kitten

By Erin, aged 8

Fern Woodland was climbing the tallest tree in her neighbourhood. She lived in Victoria, BC, in the Victorian era. She was nine years old and had been climbing trees since she was seven years old. When she reached the highest branch, she looked down through the dark, green leaves to spy on the neighbours.

She could hear birds singing and smelled the sweet sap. The wind was blowing her long, blond hair and her big, blue eyes sparkled in the sun. The neighbour's house was huge and their garden was perfect. It looked identical to Fern's house.

Fern pulled a book out of her pocket and began to read. It was late July and Fern was very happy.

Just then, Fern heard her dad yell, "Fern! I can't find Snowball!"

Snowball was Fern's cat. Fern was very sad. "I will find her!" she said and she climbed down the tree.

Fern was curious where Snowball could be. She looked around her house but there was no sign of Snowball.

'Maybe Snowball wanted more fish,' she thought.

So Fern asked her dad if they could go to town to look at the fish store. Her dad said yes so they went to town. It was light out and there were lots of stores and a huge hotel. The fish store was on the right but when Fern looked around, she could not find Snowball.

They got some tea for Fern's mom and then they went home. Fern was very upset and didn't say anything. She just watched the trees rush by and her house come nearer and nearer...

When Fern got home, she laid down on her bed. Just then, a thought popped into her head. “What if I drench myself in fish?”

“Bingo!” she said.

Fern drenched herself in fish and ran to the park. She was very excited when she got to the park, cats came swarming around Fern and at the very top was Snowball. But Snowball was not alone. Snowball was holding the most beautiful, jet black kitten Fern had ever seen!

The End

Eight-year-old Erin loves to sew. She has a creative, inquisitive mind and loves to lead her readers on adventures. Erin has a number of published stories.