

Lydia's Bonnet



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This book is dedicated to my mom,
the Lydia of this book.
Her unselfishness and zest for life
are an inspiration to all of us.

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One afternoon after her chores were finished, Lydia ran outside. She wanted to do something fun.





She ran down to the creek. Her big brothers, Henry and Jake, were fishing.

“I want a turn,” begged Lydia.

“You are too little to fish,” bossed Henry.

“Yes, fishing is too hard for someone your age,” agreed Jake.

“I know how to fish!” argued Lydia. “I *am* old enough!”

“Go and play with the little boys,” said Henry.



Lydia knew it was useless to argue with Henry.

She ran down to the barn to find Davy and Joe, her younger brothers. They were playing hopscotch.

“I want to help play,” said Lydia.

“We don’t want a girl to play with us,” replied Davy.

“Yes, this is a boys’ club,” added Joe.