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**Bring to life a young girl and her family who lived during the economic upheaval that North Carolina faced 100 years ago with the serialized story...**

## Behind the High Board Fence

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In her 80s, after a stroke disables her right hand, with her left hand, Helen Sharp writes what she remembers of her childhood and leaves those stories for her daughter, Helen Marley. Marley weaves her mother's recollections into *Behind the High Board Fence*.

Sharp turns 10 years old in 1911. She lives in a town where streetcars and railroads prove vital to transportation and fuel the city's growth. Textiles and tobacco take root. Different from today, electricity does not serve the Sharps' home, so the family must wash clothes by hand. Family members face crippling illness and injury and must adjust to new ways of earning a living. Much like today, the Sharps celebrate holidays and special occasions, negotiate with siblings, and plan for the future.

Each of the 16 chapters includes a realistic drawing, background information about North Carolina, a newspaper activity and a link to a website that provides a study guide based on Bloom's taxonomy, revised, 27 graphic organizers and additional resources for research.

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