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Bliss and Other Stories

Katherine Mansfield · *1920 · Mansfield's English*

There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When Pat swung them on top of the luggage they wobbled; the grandmother's lap was full and Linda Burnell could not possibly have held a lump of a child on hers. So the first story in this 1920 collection begins, Project Gutenberg #44385. For grades 11–12. A collection; one map cannot teach every story. Tact. Quote Mansfield, not a later shorthand only. The title story, Bliss, stands later in the file; do not treat the buggy as that story.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How should a school read Bliss and Other Stories as a 1920 collection—opened not by the title story but by Lottie and Kezia, for whom there was not an inch of room in the buggy—rather than as a single tale?

"There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When"

The first story, as hosted

The hosted file is Katherine Mansfield's Bliss and Other Stories, 1920, Project Gutenberg #44385, a collection. It does not open with the title story. It opens: There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When Pat swung them on top of the luggage they wobbled; the grandmother's lap was full, and Linda Burnell could not possibly have held a lump of a child on hers. Teach that opening, for grades 11–12, with tact. The title story, Bliss, stands later; quote its own opening when you come to it. One map cannot teach every story. Quote Mansfield, in this English, not a later shorthand only.

KEY CHARACTERS

Lottie and Kezia
For whom, in the first sentence, there was not an inch of room in the buggy

Pat, the grandmother, and Linda Burnell
Who, in the same opening, swing the children, sit full-lapped, and cannot hold another

Katherine Mansfield
Whose 1920 English, in this collection, is what the map quotes

HOW TO BEGIN THIS COLLECTION

> *"There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When"*
> The first story

> *"When Pat swung them on top of the luggage they wobbled; the"*
> The first story

Grades 11–12
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01
Not an Inch of Room
THE FIRST STORY

There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. The collection begins with two children, and a leaving, not with the later title story.

- Keep "not an inch of room" and the names Lottie and Kezia.
- 11–12.
- The first story, not Bliss.
- Quote Mansfield.

> *"There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When"*
> The first story

02
Swung on Top of the Luggage
THE FIRST STORY

When Pat swung them on top of the luggage they wobbled. The children are placed, unsteadily, where there was no room in the seat.

- Keep "swung them on top of the luggage" and "wobbled."
- 11–12. Tact.
- A household leaving.
- Quote this English.

> *"When Pat swung them on top of the luggage they wobbled; the"*
> The first story

03
The Grandmother's Lap Was Full
THE FIRST STORY

The grandmother's lap was full and Linda Burnell could not possibly have held a lump of a child on hers. The adults are already named, and already full-handed.

- Keep "grandmother's lap was full" and "Linda Burnell."
- 11–12.
- Quote this wording.
- The later stories each have their own openings.

> *"Linda Burnell could not possibly have held a lump of a child on hers for any"*
> The first story

04
Bliss Stands Later
THE TITLE STORY

The title story, Bliss, stands later in the file. Do not treat the buggy as that story. When you come to Bliss, quote its own opening. One map cannot teach the whole collection.

- Name the collection, 1920, PG #44385.
- 11–12. Tact.
- The first story is not the title story.
- Quote Mansfield.

> *"There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When"*
> The first story

05
A 1920 Collection
THE EDITION

Bliss and Other Stories, 1920, Project Gutenberg #44385. For grades 11–12. Tact throughout. A collection, not a single tale, and not a later film. Quote this English.

- Name 1920, and a collection.
- Tact.
- One map cannot teach every story.
- Quote Mansfield, not a later shorthand only.

> *"There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy. When"*
> The first story

No room in the buggy | Children placed on the luggage | A first story, not the title story | A 1920 collection | Tact in later stories

What to watch for as you read

GRADES 11–12

1. The collection does not open with the title story. It opens: "There was not an inch of room for Lottie and Kezia in the buggy."
2. Pat swung them on top of the luggage; they wobbled; the grandmother's lap was full; Linda Burnell could not hold a lump of a child on hers.
3. Bliss and Other Stories, 1920, PG #44385, for grades 11–12. Bliss stands later. One map cannot teach every story.
4. Tact. Quote Mansfield, not a later shorthand only.

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