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The Burgess Bird Book for Children

Thornton W. Burgess · *1919 · English original, Project Gutenberg #3074*

Lipperty-lipperty-lip scampered Peter Rabbit behind the tumble-down stone wall along one side of the Old Orchard. So Chapter I, Jenny Wren Arrives, begins, after a dedication to the children and the birds of America. Thornton W. Burgess, 1919, Project Gutenberg #3074, complete as hosted. A story-first nature book, not a field-guide treatise. For grades 1–6, often read aloud. Teach with kindness toward the creatures named. Quote this wording, and the stories, not only the preface.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How should a school read this file as Burgess's complete 1919 story-first bird book, opening with Peter Rabbit at the Old Orchard as Jenny Wren arrives, rather than as a field-guide treatise or as only the preface?

"Lipperty-lipperty-lip scampered Peter Rabbit behind the"
Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

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KEY CHARACTERS

Peter Rabbit
Who, at the opening of Chapter I, scampered lipperty-lipperty-lip behind the tumble-down stone wall along one side of the Old Orchard

Jenny Wren
Named in the first chapter title as the one who arrives

Thornton W. Burgess
The author of this 1919 story-first nature book

HOW TO BEGIN THIS BIRD BOOK

> *"Lipperty-lipperty-lip scampered Peter Rabbit behind the"*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

> *"CHAPTER I. Jenny Wren Arrives."*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

Grades 3–5
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Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

CHAPTER I

CHAPTER I. Jenny Wren Arrives. The first chapter is already a coming, and a naming, after the dedication and preface.

- Keep the chapter title as this file prints it.
- 1–6, often read aloud.
- A story-first opening, not a field-guide treatise.
- Quote this wording.

> *"CHAPTER I. Jenny Wren Arrives."*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

02

Lipperty-lipperty-lip

CHAPTER I

Lipperty-lipperty-lip scampered Peter Rabbit. The first sentence is already a scamper, and a named creature.

- Keep "Lipperty-lipperty-lip" and "scampered Peter Rabbit."
- 1–6, often read aloud.
- The stories, not only the preface.
- Quote this wording.

> *"Lipperty-lipperty-lip scampered Peter Rabbit behind the"*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

03

The Tumble-down Stone Wall

CHAPTER I

Behind the tumble-down stone wall. The scamper has a place at once, a wall along the orchard.

- Keep "tumble-down stone wall."
- 1–6.
- A place, before later birds arrive.
- Quote this wording.

> *"behind the tumble-down stone wall along one"*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

04

Along One Side of the Old Orchard

CHAPTER I

Along one side of the Old Orchard. The orchard is named as a place the stories will return to.

- Keep "Old Orchard," and this capitalization.
- 1–6. Kindness toward the creatures named.
- One opening chapter, not every chapter.
- Quote this wording.

> *"along one side of the Old Orchard. It was"*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

05

Burgess, 1919, a Story-First Nature Book

THE EDITION

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- Name Burgess, 1919, PG #3074.
- 1–6, often read aloud. Kindness.
- Jenny Wren Arrives, and Peter at the Old Orchard.
- Quote this English.

> *"Lipperty-lipperty-lip scampered Peter Rabbit behind the"*
> Chapter I. Jenny Wren Arrives

A scamper, at the Old Orchard

A wren, who arrives

A tumble-down stone wall

Kindness toward the creatures named

A story-first nature book

What to watch for as you read

GRADES 3–5

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3. For grades 1–6, often read aloud. Teach with kindness toward the creatures named.
4. One map cannot teach every chapter. Do not invent what the file does not say.

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