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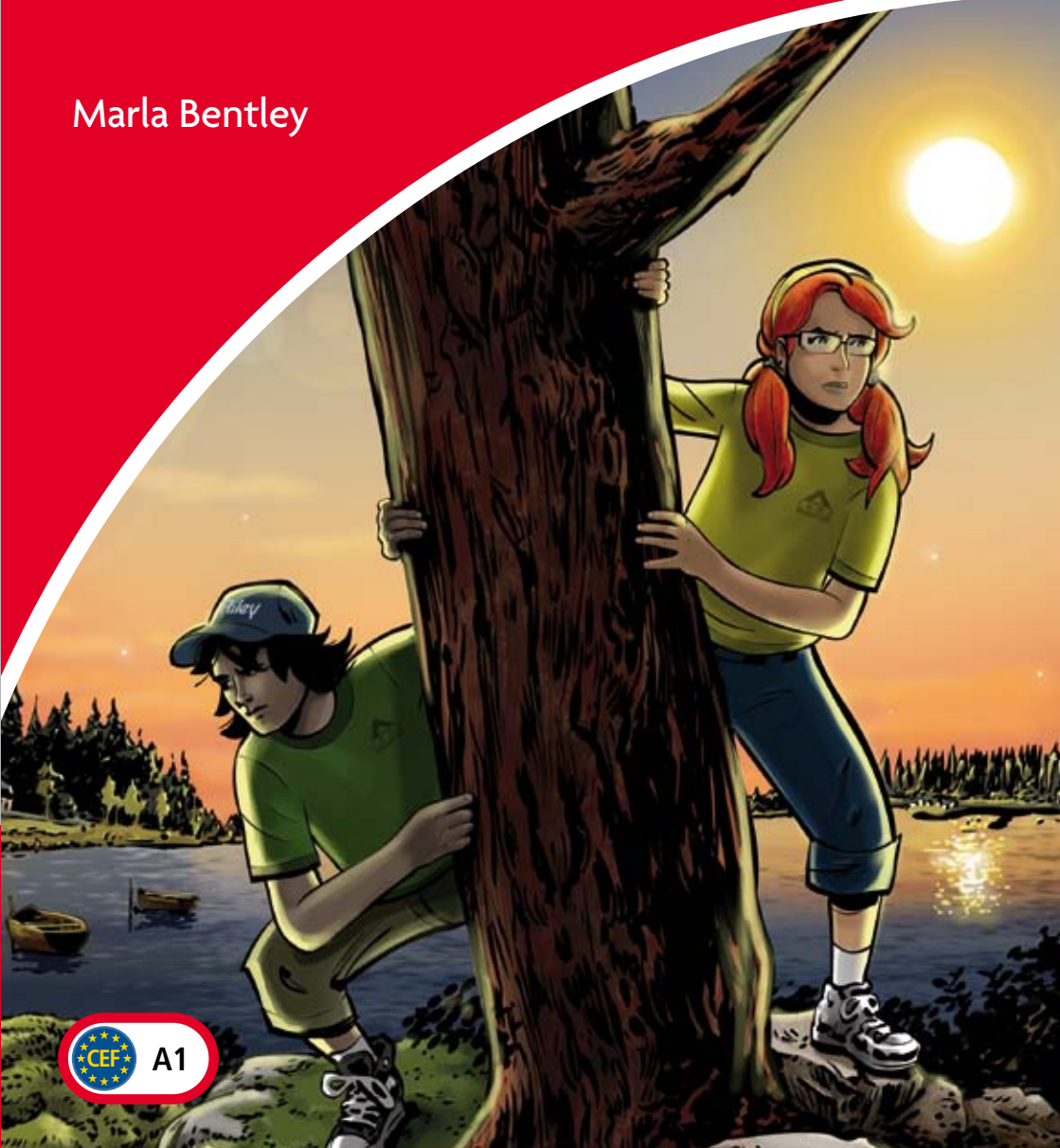
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People in the story

Katy: a thirteen-year-old girl at summer camp¹

Mum: Katy's mum

Dad: Katy's dad

Ms Averly: the director of the summer camp

Riley: a fourteen-year-old boy

George: the bus driver at the summer camp

BEFORE YOU READ



1 Look at the pictures in Chapters 1 and 2. What do you think? Answer the questions.

1 How does Katy feel in Chapter 1?

2 What is strange about the campers in the bus?

Chapter 1

I don't want to go!

'I'm not going!' Katy shouted. 'I'm not!'

Katy sat at the kitchen table. She was angry. 'I'm NOT going to camp!'

'Don't shout at me, Katy.' Now Katy's mum was angry too.

Her dad stopped reading his e-book. 'Katy, say sorry to your mum,' he said.

Katy looked down at her cereal. 'I'm sorry, Mum.'



Then she looked up at her dad. ‘Dad, please, try to understand. I’m *thirteen*, now. Thirteen-year-old girls don’t go to summer camp. They play sport. They play computer games. They go out with their friends. They go shopping. They don’t go to camp! Please, Dad, please! I hate camp. It’s—’

THUD! Katy’s dad put his coffee cup on the table. ‘Oh Katy. Stop! We understand – you don’t want to go.’

‘Katy, look at this,’ her mum said. The camp website was on her computer.

‘There’s a beautiful lake next to the camp. You can go swimming every day. You love swimming.’

Katy wasn’t interested. ‘Mum, I can’t go swimming. I’ve got earache².’ Katy put her hand on her ear.

‘Earache? When did that start?’ her mum asked.

‘She hasn’t got earache,’ Katy’s dad said. ‘But she’s giving *me* a headache!’ He started laughing and Katy’s mum smiled.

Katy didn’t laugh. ‘I *have got* earache!’ And she put her hand over her ear again.

Katy’s mum started reading the website. ‘Three or four times a week, our campers go on visits to interesting places like museums³ and the zoo. They can also visit some big shopping centres. Campers can—’



‘But Mum, I hate ... what did you say?’ Katy *loved* shopping and she was interested now. She stopped talking and looked at the computer.

Katy’s mum and dad said nothing. Five minutes later Katy stood up.

‘OK,’ she said. ‘When do I leave?’

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The bus stopped in front of a big cabin⁴ and the campers got off. A woman stood in front of them. She looked important, but she smiled.

‘Welcome to Camp Idlewood,’ the woman said. ‘My name’s Ms Averly and I’m the camp director. You met George, the driver. And these are some of our helpers.’ Katy looked at the campers. There was a boy next to her. He had a lollipop in his mouth.

‘I knew it. They’re all babies at camp,’ Katy thought.

‘And please take them to George. Thank you!’ Ms Averly stopped talking and walked away.

‘Take what?’ Katy thought. ‘What did she say?’

‘Excuse me,’ Katy said to the boy with the lollipop. ‘What did Ms Averly say? Did you hear?’

‘Of course I did,’ he said. He looked angry.

‘Why is he angry with me? I only asked him a question,’ Katy thought. She looked at the boy. His baseball cap said ‘Riley’.

She tried again. ‘Sorry, what did Ms Averly say?’

The boy with the lollipop didn’t reply. He didn’t look at Katy and he didn’t answer her question.

‘Riley?’ Katy said again. ‘Is that your name?’

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The boy said nothing.

‘Riley Jones,’ one of the camp helpers shouted. ‘Riley Jones. Are you here?’

The boy still didn’t say anything.

‘Hey!’ Katy said. And she pulled the boy’s arm.

‘What? What do you want?’ the boy said.

‘I think that they’re calling your name.’

‘What?’ said the boy. ‘Oh, yeah, I know.’ He walked over to the helper. They talked for a minute and the boy looked at Katy.

‘Stupid boy and his stupid lollipops,’ Katy said. ‘Why did I come here?’



LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Katy (x4)

Riley (x4)

- 1*Katy*..... doesn't want to go to summer camp.
 - 2 has got earache.
 - 3 eats a lollipop on the first day at Camp Idlewood.
 - 4 doesn't like the first day at Camp Idlewood.
 - 5 wants to go to the shopping centre very much.
 - 6 can't hear very well.
 - 7 has got a hearing aid.
 - 8 can read people's lips.
- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.
- 1 Katy thinks that thirteen year-old girls *go* / *don't go* to summer camp.
 - 2 Katy's mum tells her to look at a website about a *summer camp* / *shopping centre*.
 - 3 Katy's dad *thinks* / *doesn't think* she's got earache.
 - 4 *George* / *Ms Averly* is the director of Camp Idlewood.
 - 5 Katy tells *nobody* / *Riley* about her earache.
 - 6 Katy and Riley *think* / *don't think* that George and some of the campers are strange.

4 Who or what do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

MP3 players	Camp Idlewood	the campers
Ms Avery	Katy and Riley	Katy's mum and dad

- 1 Oh Katy. Stop! We understand (page 7)
Katy's mum and dad
- 2 'What did she say?' (page 8)
- 3 'Why did I come here?' (page 9)
- 4 Please try them now. (page 12)
- 5 Later they went into a music shop. (page 13)

- 6 'They're from our camp.' (page 14)

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Katy's mum angry?

- 2 Why doesn't Riley answer the camp helpers?

- 3 Why are Katy and Riley going to be good friends?

LOOKING FORWARD



6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in Chapters 3 and 4.

- 1 Katy leaves Camp Idlewood.
- 2 Katy and Riley see the campers taking things.