

Poppy and Rye Questions

Clover/Valerian: mother/father; golden mice
Ragweed: son, killed before start of book
Castar P. Canad: Cas, head of beavers
Dimwood Forest: Poppy's home
Erethizon Dorsatum: Ereth; porcupine; Poppy's best friend
Poppy: deer mouse
Mr. Ocax: owl that kills Ragweed
Rye: eldest at home since Ragweed left
Thistle: mouse sister
Curlydock: mouse brother
Canad's Cute Condo's: pond name
Canad Lake: proposed new lake
Clara Canad: daughter of Cas
Judy/Joe: beavers that lead Poppy to lodge
The Brook: home of Ragweed
Progress without pain: motto of beavers
Tamarack: tree Ereth/Poppy spend night in on way to The Brook
Cottonwood: tree Ereth says he'll wait at while Poppy goes to Brook
Woodlands: name of general area where golden mice live
Honeysuckle: type of vine used to go down vent hole
Maple wood: wood for Rye's cage

1. How many children does Clover have?
63
2. What kind of mice are Clover and Valerian?
Golden
3. How many chambers did Clover and Valerian's original nest have?
Family room; nursery; master bedroom
4. How long had they lived in the original nest?
6 years
5. What was in the storage rooms?
Nuts, dried berries, seeds
6. What danger did Valerian wake Clover up to see at the beginning of the story?
The dam and the rising brook
7. Why was Clover especially tired and didn't want to get up to see the danger?
She had just given birth to a new litter
8. What is the motto of Canad and Co?
Progress without Pain
9. What kind of mouse is Poppy?
Deer
10. What does she wear on her left ear?
Earring – purple plastic bead on a chain
11. Who killed Ragweed?
Owl, Mr. Ocax
12. Why does Poppy want to find Ragweed's parents?
To tell them what happened and give them the earring
13. What did Poppy say that made Ereth decide to go with her to look for Ragweed's family?
He was too old to go
14. What direction was the Brook from Dimwood forest?
West
15. What kind of tree did they sleep in on the first night?
Tamarack
16. Why was it hard for Clover and Valerian to find a new home?
They started looking too late and all the good homes were already taken
17. When did they finally move?
When water started coming down the entry way and making puddles

18. What was distinct about Rye's appearance?
Small notch in right ear
19. Who went to tell the rest of the family where Clover and Valerian were living?
Rye, Thistle, Curleydock
20. What did Curleydock dare Rye to do?
Tell the three beavers how he felt about them flooding their home
21. Which beaver soaked Thistle, Rye and Curleydock with the spray from hitting her tail on the water?
Clara Canad
22. Why did Rye sneak off and leave in the middle of the night?
He went to look for Ragweed
23. Which direction did he head?
East
24. What provided light inside the beaver lodge?
Fire flies
25. What name does Cas choose for the original building project?
Canad's Cute Condo's
26. What other names do the beavers suggest?
Welcome Water World; Mud Flats; Wet Wonderland
27. What was Ereth doing when Poppy danced in the meadow?
Napping
28. With whom did Poppy dance?
Rye
29. What type of tree did Ereth climb to wait for Poppy when she went down to the Brook?
Cottonwood
30. Who is the first member of Ragweed's family that Poppy meets?
Thistle
31. What is the weather like when Poppy first arrives at the Brook?
Thunderstorm
32. What was Clover doing when Poppy first entered their home?
Burping a baby
33. Canad decided he wanted to expand the pond into what?
A lake
34. What does Canad want to use to anchor the new dam used to build the lake?
The boulder near the beavers new home
35. How does Thistle describe Rye?
Dreamy, weird, goes off on his own
36. What did Poppy do in the nest to try to be useful after giving Clover and Valerian the news about Ragweed?
Help take care of the children
37. Why does Rye suddenly leave the nest after Poppy arrives?
He is upset because she said she was going to marry Ragweed
38. What is the size of the beaver dam?
20 feet across; 3 feet wide
39. How does Rye try to get close to the beaver lodge?
Walk across the dam
40. Who does Rye meet when he enters the beaver lodge?
Castar P Canad
41. Ereth runs down from the cottonwood tree, runs about in the storm, and momentarily takes refuge where?
Hollow log
42. Where does Ereth finally get stuck?
In a sunken hollow, with his quills caught in vines and brambles
43. Where does Castar Canad put Rye?
Cage of maple twigs and mud
44. What will be the name of the new lake?
Lake Canad
45. What threat does Canad use to try to convince the mice to move away from the boulder?
He will keep Rye hostage until they move
46. What sort of lessons does Valerian give the children?
About seeds, particularly sunflower seeds
47. Who does Castar Canad tell that he is holding Rye hostage?

Poppy

48. At first, when they hear that Rye is captured, what do Valerian and Clover decide to do?
Move
49. How does Poppy get out to the lodge the first time?
She uses a piece of wood as a raft
50. Which two beavers did Poppy see talking while on the raft?
Joe and Judy
51. Poppy started paddling toward what she thought was an island and then realized it was really what?
A beaver
52. Why didn't Poppy try to swim into the lodge?
She is not a good swimmer
53. When she was out on her raft, how did she figure out which of the lodges/humps she saw was the lodge that held Rye?
She followed Joe, she heard him say he had been sleeping next to Rye's cage
54. How does she get into the lodge?
Through the vent hole
55. How does Poppy get from the vent hole to the floor of the beaver lodge?
Lowers herself down on a vine and then swings over towards Rye's cage
56. What were the beavers doing when she visits the lodge the first time?
Sleeping
57. What woke Canad after Poppy's first visit?
The splash she made when she left the lodge
58. Canad decides to sleep near Rye, why?
So Canad will hear Rye if he tries to gnaw through his cage bars
59. How does Canad figure out Poppy was there?
He sees her footprints
60. How does he know she came in through the vent hole?
He sees the vine
61. Poppy says she needs more mice to go with her into the lodge to rescue Rye, why?
She needs more teeth to help chew through the bars
62. What does Poppy suggest they use as weapons to defend themselves against the beavers?
Quills
63. While Ereth is stuck in the thicket, what does he decide he'll tell Poppy?
He loves her and wants to marry her
64. Who does Valerian decide to consult about the decision to try to rescue Rye?
The whole family
65. Who volunteered to help Poppy?
Curleydock and Thistle
66. Why Poppy, Thistle and Curleydock decide to go to the thicket
to get a long vine
67. What type of vine does Curleydock suggest would be long and tough?
Honeysuckle
68. They found a vine that seemed like it would be good, but it was stuck on something. What was it stuck on?
Ereth
69. How do the mice free Ereth?
Chew through the vines he is caught in
70. After he was rescued, Ereth ran away again, why?
Poppy told him that she loved Rye
71. Who saw the Poppy, Thistle and Curleydock looking for a wood chip for a raft?
Clara Canad
72. After Clara sees the mice looking for a wood chip raft, she decides to do what?
Patrol the pond
73. Who fell off the raft before Clara hit it with her tail?
Curleydock and Thistle
74. What happened to Poppy when Clara struck the raft?
She flow off and landed face down in the water
75. What kept her from drowning?
Vine wrapped around her neck
76. What did Clara assume had happened to the three mice?
The all died

77. What does Poppy do after she climbs to the top of the beaver lodge and can't find the vent hole?
Falls asleep
78. Who has the idea of busting the dam with the boulder?
Valerian
79. How will they direct the boulder into the dam?
Digging a ditch to guide its fall
80. How does Poppy get into the beaver lodge the second time?
Digs through the mud-covered vent hole
81. What were the beavers doing the second time Poppy came down the vent hole?
Having a meeting
82. Why didn't the two guard beavers see Poppy coming down the vine?
They had their backs to the lodge so they could guard the entrance hole
83. Did she come down the vine head first or tail first the second time?
Tail first
84. About how far had Rye been able to gnaw through the bars?
1/2 way
85. How did Poppy and Rye break through the bars of the cage?
They each pulled at the gnawed spot and the twig snapped
86. What did Thistle do when she fell off the raft?
Swam under water as far as she could
87. Where did Curleydock and Thistle swim after they found each other?
Back to land
88. Which mouse oversaw loosening the boulder?
Clover
89. Which mouse oversaw digging the ditch?
Valerian
90. When the beavers were attacking, Valerian told the mice to hold their fire until ...
you can see the gaps in their teeth
91. What did the mice use as weapons?
Mudballs, sticks, pebbles
92. Which mice went after Canad?
Thistle and Curleydock
93. When did the mice start to retreat?
When Clover said the boulder was ready
94. What causes Castar Canad to retreat and the rest of the beavers to follow him?
Ereth slapped him across the nose with his tail
95. Why did the boulder bounce into the air?
It struck a stone
96. What does Poppy do to try to fool the two beavers who are attempting to recapture she and Rye?
Pretend that she is hurt
97. When Poppy and Rye ran out of the beaver lodge, why couldn't the guard beavers follow?
The guard beavers were too heavy and got caught in the mud
98. Who performed Poppy and Rye's wedding ceremony?
Clover and Valerian
99. According to mouse tradition what was held over their heads?
Canopy of wild flowers
100. Who does Poppy ask to be her attendant at the wedding?
Ereth
101. Why did Ereth say he came back after the wedding?
He didn't know how to get back to Dimwood Forest without Poppy