

BEAUTY

By

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CHARACTERS:

Luke – eleven-year old boy who wasn't keen about moving in to Grampa's farm after his parents split up, and who loved horses

Willie Evans – Luke's Grampa who had a farm in Oklahoma

Carol – Luke's mother, had a job at AT&T plant but got laid off after a year and since then could find another job

Jerry – Luke's dad who walked away in his life and never kept his promises to Luke

Beauty – old white horse Luke's mother rode when she was a girl

Mary Ruth Sampson – owner of the ranch next to Grampa's

Mike Garrison – a neighbor who bought the old Sampson ranch, made a nice horse ranch out of it, who took care of Beauty, Lady, and Dandy and who liked Luke's mother

Mr. McPhearson – the person who was supposed to give Carol a job in the belt factory

Ribbon – Grampa's horse given by his parents when he was seven

Lady – an eight-year old horse that had dark copper color and full of muscles and big, it was Beauty's baby

Beth – a girl with a long blond hair and blue eyes, who would be in sixth grade who was starting with Luke in the beginner lessons

Joshua – a boy who loved football and who would be in sixth grade and starting with Luke in the beginner riding lessons

David – Luke's uncle who got an ear infection from swimming in the pond

Mr. Miller – the person who gave Luke's mom the permanent job at Dixie

Rambo – Joshua's horse

Jeff – a boy in the football team who liked to show people how many bad words he knew

Dandy – a little white filly, Lady's baby that was like Beauty

IN WHAT BOOK:

...where a boy felt so much devotion for his horse

...where a boy forgets all his worries when he's on top of his horse

...where there were rules in the house like getting dress before going to breakfast table and go when you are called or you don't eat

...where there was an animal that had a mane as white, fine, and smooth as a corn silk, like the touch of a butterfly wings

...that a boy kept all his secrets to a horse

...where there was a boy who learned how to shoot a gun only to kill big rats

...where a boy had seen the 3 generations of a horse, a grandmother, a daughter, and a daughter's baby filly

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the author of "Beauty"? **Bill Wallace**
2. How old was Luke? **11 year old**
3. Where did Luke come from before they moved? **Denver**
4. Where did they go? **Oklahoma**
5. Where and who did they moved into? **Grampa's farm in Oklahoma**
6. Why did they go to Oklahoma? **Luke's parents split up**
7. What grade was Luke when his father and mother got divorced? **4th grade**
8. What was when you had to be let go when there were more people working than the company can afford? **"Lay-off"**
9. Why did they have to move to his Grampa's house? **Mom can't find another job after she was "laid-off" and they were out of money**
10. What did Luke remember about his father that he liked the most? **The father always take him camping to Colorado Springs**
11. What time of the year did they go camping? **Summer in July**
12. What did they love the most in camp? **Riding horses**
13. What was the prettiest time of the day, according to Luke's father to go riding, when everything was fresh, crisp and new? **After breakfast**
14. Did Luke's father keep his promise to take him camping on summer after the divorce? **No**
15. Why wasn't Luke crazy to move in with his Grampa at first? **Grampa's old, cranky and set in his ways**
16. What did Luke find out before going to Grampa's table for breakfast? **To get dress before**
17. What other rule did his Grampa have? **Go to breakfast when called or you don't eat**
18. Although Luke's mom saved him something when he didn't go right away for breakfast, he still didn't have it, why? **Grampa dumped the stuff out**
19. What didn't Luke like much being around the house especially with Grampa? **Being bossed around**
20. One morning while eating breakfast, what made Luke get so excited? **A horse named Beauty**
21. Was Beauty a male or female horse? **Female**
22. What made Grampa decide to show the horse in order for Luke to start earning his keep? **Grampa needed help moving the cattle**
23. What did Luke have to do first that Grampa told him before he see Beauty? **Do the dishes**
24. What smelled like a mixture of coconut and old dirty socks, kind of good and yucky both at the same time? **Grampa's pipe**
25. Why didn't Grampa trust Luke to be his own with Beauty at first? **Beauty was not the same horse Luke's used to riding back in Colorado**
26. What kind of horses Luke and his dad used to riding back in the camp? **Stable horses or trail horses**
27. What are trail or stable horses? **They follow another horse, they track their back feet**

28. Which means? *They put their back feet where their front foot just left*
29. They are good in riding where? *Riding in a narrow mountain trails*
30. What happened to Luke when he pulled the reins and kicked Beauty in the sides with both heels? *He was thrown off*
31. Was Grampa mad? *No*
32. What did he do instead while helping Luke up? *He chuckled*
33. What kind of a horse was Beauty? *Trained cutting horse*
34. What kind of training did Beauty have? *If you lean right on the stirrup, she cut left and vice versa*
35. How many times was Luke thrown off on the first day riding Beauty? *Twice*
36. Why was Luke's mom so mad about Mr. Garrison when she saw Beauty? *She thought Mike Garrison wasn't feeding the horse for months*
37. When Mike saw Luke what did he say about him that nobody ever called him? *Luke was handsome*
38. What did Carol, Luke's mom, do instead of shaking Mike's hand when he introduced himself to her? *She slugged him twice*
39. Where did she slug him? *Stomach*
40. How did Grampa feel about Carol hitting Mike? *He felt ashamed and embarrassed*
41. How old was Beauty? *27-years old*
42. And how old was Grampa Willie? *69-year old*
43. Did Carol apologize to Mike Garrison? *Yes*
44. Aside from apologizing, what else happened? *She invited him for supper one evening*
45. He got invited again for supper but this time he couldn't go, why? *He was going to New Mexico to see some horses*
46. What kind of job did Luke's mom find? *Part-time saleslady at Dixie place*
47. What days did she work? *Fridays and Saturdays*
48. What startled Luke and Beauty while they were strolling around the ranch by the gate? *The sound of Grampa's shotgun*
49. What was Grampa doing with the gun? *Trying to shoot big rats*
50. What did Grampa tell Luke never to do in the barn? *Never smoke*
51. Why? *Too much dry hay and grain dust that would go up like a torch with only littlest spark*
52. Where did they dump the rat? *Ensilage pit*
53. What was something he used to feed for the cows? *Fodder*
54. What is fodder made of? *Grind plants like corn or maize*
55. Where did Grampa go to get a good angle to see the rats better? *Climb on the hay*
56. Luke asked why not just poisoned the rats or set traps instead of shooting them? *Grandmother used to have a calico cat*
57. How did the calico cat died according to Grampa? *It caught a mouse that had eaten the poison so it was poisoned, too*
58. What did Grampa think grandmother thought of more than she did of him? *Cats*
59. Grampa thought that Luke was man enough to handle what? *The shotgun*
60. What was Grampa so mad about on Luke when he was about to teach him how to use the gun? *Luke left the gate open when he heard the loud sound of the gun*

61. Why did Grampa always want to keep the gate close? *He didn't want the horse to wander down to the cattle guard*
62. What did he make Luke do with the gate? *Locked it*
63. What kept the cows in and still have the place to drive over without opening the gate? *Cattle guard*
64. Why won't cows try not to cross the cattle guard? *The spaces have bars that spook them*
65. How come the cows work themselves out from the cattle guard with nothing worse than a bad scare? *Cows have bones that are tough and limber*
66. And why horses are different? *They have longer bones that are more brittle*
67. What would cattle guard do to the horses? *It would break their bones into pieces that couldn't be salvaged*
68. Why did Grampa stare at the cattle guard with a far, far away look? *His horse, Ribbon, got stuck in the cattle guard that forced Grampa to shoot it*
69. Which horse did Luke refuse to ride into? *Lady*
70. Who was Grampa laughing at so hard after he saw him (aside from Luke) thrown off a horse? *Mike*
71. What assured Luke on riding a horse aside from Beauty? *Beginner riding lessons*
72. What grade was Luke when he started the beginner lessons? *5th grade*
73. What kind of a strange pool that Luke found while strolling with Beauty? *The pond*
74. How did Grampa find out that Luke was swimming in the pond? *Muddy hoof print of Beauty on his shirt*
75. What did Grampa and Luke do so Luke's mom would not know that he was swimming in the pond? *Prewash his clothes*
76. What did Grampa put in Luke's ear so he wouldn't get fungus infection from swimming in the pond? *Hydrogen peroxide then alcohol*
77. What advice did Grampa give Luke so his clothes wouldn't get stepped on while he was swimming? *Hang them in a tree*
78. Why did he need to shake them out good before putting them back on? *Wasps and spiders crawling in the tree*
79. Who did Luke meet in his riding lessons that became his good friend? *Joshua*
80. What kind of sports Joshua belonged to? *Football*
81. What position in football was he? *Quarterback*
82. What did Joshua think of Luke to be if he was in the football team? *Wide receiver*
83. Why? *Because Luke got big hands*
84. What does a horse do when it get spooked? *Lunge forward*
85. What do you call a boy horse? *Colt*
86. What about a girl horse? *Filly*
87. What did Grampa use for Luke to practice into with the shotgun? *Cans*
88. When they were both learning how to shoot how many times did they roll? *Luke was one time and Grampa was twice*
89. What was the important thing Grampa taught Luke when using a gun? *Never point a gun at anyone*
90. Did Luke finally get to knock out a rat? *Yes*
91. Where was Luke and Beauty's secret place? *Pool or pond*

92. When Joshua visited Luke in the farm and they went horseback riding, they pretended to be what? ***Cowboys***
93. What happened to Beauty while they were herding the cattle? ***Stumbled and tripped***
94. What did Grampa notice on Beauty when they came back? ***Sprained knee***
95. Did Luke lie to him on what was the caused? ***No***
96. What was the first thing Grampa did on Beauty's leg? ***Applied ice packs***
97. Ice packs didn't really work, what did Mike do when he learned what happened? ***Taught Luke how to paint liniment to ease Beauty's knee***
98. Why did Mike tell him to put the liniment or D.M.S.O on with a brush? ***It was just for animals and it tastes like raw oysters***
99. What did Grampa have that was old and he can't afford to buy a new one? ***Hay baler***
100. Who was Mike referring to as stubborn and cantankerous as the baler? ***Grampa Willie***
101. Where did Luke go to play football? ***Joshua's house***
102. What kind of deal did Grampa and Luke make so Luke wouldn't tell his mom about all the cussing Grampa said on the baler? ***Grandpa will take him to town for another football game***
103. What were Grampa and his mom arguing about when he got in the house after tending to Beauty? ***Carol didn't want to go out for date***
104. Who had asked Carol for a date? ***Mike Garrison***
105. Who convinced Carol to go out with Mike? ***Luke liked him a lot***
106. What was Carol's reason that she agreed to go out with Mike? ***To shut up Grampa and Luke***
107. Who were glad that Carol agreed to go out with Mike? ***Grampa and Luke***
108. Did Carol and Mike have a good time? ***Yes***
109. What did they bring home for Grampa and Luke? ***Ice cream***
110. What was so amazing of big rough Mike that made Carol hard to believe he could do? ***Baked a light and delicate cake***
111. What promise did Mike say to Luke that he kept it? ***To give riding lessons anytime***
112. Mike said he wasn't always a cowboy, what was he used to be? ***Tax consultant for a big Corporation***
113. Where was this corporation? ***New York***
114. What kind of board game did they play after having dinner at Grampa's house? ***Dominoes***
115. Why did Grampa have to get the hay in, that unable him to drive Luke to the football game? ***Storm front coming***
116. When his mom came home, she brought what because Grampa and Luke were going to celebrate? ***Steak***
117. What were they celebrating for? ***She got a permanent job, to work as a real employee***
118. But they never celebrated because why? ***Grampa Willie had an accident***
119. What kind of accident did Grampa have? ***His foot got stucked in the hay baler***

120. What did he forget to do with the baler before he kicked it loose? *He forgot to turn off the tractor, unplugged the hydraulic*
121. Did he lose his leg? *No*
122. How did the doctor treat Grampa's leg? *Put a cast on*
123. Since there was no storm cellar in Grampa's house, where was the safest place Luke could go when he was left alone in the house? *Bathroom in the middle of the house*
124. What did Luke see running through the thick rain? *Beauty*
125. Beauty's front feet were buried, broken, and bone sticking through flesh at where? *Cattle guard*
126. Was Luke able to get Beauty out? *No*
127. How did it die? *Luke shot him*
128. Who gave him the idea or advice? *Grampa*
129. When Beauty died, Luke was praying what? *The Lord's Prayer*
130. Did Luke blame himself at first on Beauty's death and how? *Yes, he thought he left the gate opened*
131. What happened to the gate then? *Broke by a huge tree that broken off during the storm*
132. What happened to the cattle guard after that incident? *Mike ripped it out of the ground*
133. Who put the cattle guard in the first place? *Oil company that bought part of the Sampson's farm*
134. Did Luke join the football team when school started and why? *No, he still felt the emptiness of his horse*
135. What perked him up after awhile? *A little white filly*
136. Why did he fall in love with this horse? *She was a lot like her grandmother Beauty*
137. What did he name the little white filly? *Dandy*