

A Lion To Guard Us



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Summary of Book:

- James Freebold left London and went to Virginia. He left behind his wife and three children. His wife died and Amanda, the oldest, was left to care for her younger sister and brother. Their father had left them the lion head door knocker from their old house to guard them while he was gone.

Key Points:

- The woman they were living with kicked them out of her house.
- Dr. Crider took them on a boat to America.
- Dr. Crider was swept overboard leaving the children alone again.
- A storm came and they became shipwrecked on an island in Bermuda.

- They were shipwrecked for 9 months.
- While they were there, they built new ships and continued to Virginia.
- They found that the colony was desolate and the people that remained were starving.
- The children were reunited with their father and hung the door knocker on their new home.

Main Characters:

- Amanda, Jemmy, and Meg Freebold
- Dr. Crider
- Mistress Trippett
- Admiral Somers
- Master Waters
- Captain Newport
- Governor Gates

Vocabulary:

- Door knocker – a decorative metal plate and ring affixed to the front of a door used to tap on the door to signal a visitor.
- Virginia Company – the company established in London to carry supplies and colonists to the New World.
- New World – the new land being established in the Americas.
- Bermuda – a collection of islands off the east coast of the New World in the Atlantic Ocean.



Research Found:

- These were actual events that happened in history.
- Many of the characters are real people, such as: Captain Newport, Admiral Somers, Governor Gates, and John Rolfe.
- The actual name of the ship was the Sea Venture.
- Shakespeare wrote “The Tempest” based on this story.

Projects & Extensions:

- Research on the actual people.
- Bermuda and the products brought to the New World from there.
- Write an ending to the story.
- Map out the voyage.
- Diary of a character.
- Actual events in Jamestown.
- Interview a character.
- Timeline of the story.