



THE FOURTEENTH GOLDFISH

CREATED AND
PRESENTED BY
PRESTIGE KIDS
BOOK CLUB

CHAPTER 1

**Do goldfish last for a long time?
Who said this in the book?**



- No, they don't.
- "The goldfish will teach your child about the cycle of life." Starlily explained, "Goldfish don't last very long."

CHAPTER 1

How old was Goldie? What did Ellie's mom tell her about Goldie?



- Ellie believes that Goldie is 7 years old. But her mom tells her that the Goldie she sees in front of her is a different one.
- “She gave me a smile and said, “Ellie, that wasn’t the original Goldie. The first fish only lasted two weeks. When he died, I bought another one and put him in the bowl. There’ve been a lot of fish over the years.”

CHAPTER 1

What number was Goldie? What did Ellie do for Goldie?



- The thirteenth.
- We gave Goldie Thirteen a toilet-bowl funeral.

CHAPTER 1

What did Ellie ask her mom after she lost her thirteenth goldfish?

- Ellie asked her mom if she could get a dog.



CHAPTER 2

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What puzzle was Ellie putting together? How many pieces is it?



- The puzzle Ellie putting together was a picture of the New York City. There are a thousand pieces of the puzzle.
- “It’s a picture of New York City—a street scene with yellow cabs. I love puzzles. I like trying to figure out how things fit together.”

CHAPTER 2

How often does Ellie see her grandfather? Where do they usually meet?



- Ellie sees her grandfather 2-3 times a year, usually at a Chinese restaurant.
- “We only see him two or three times a year, usually at a Chinese restaurant.”

CHAPTER 3

What does the wall of Ellie's room look like?



- “The walls are covered with the painted handprints of me and my best friend, Brianna”

CHAPTER 3

What exciting news does Nicole tell Ellie's mother?

- Nicole got a new job at the mall.



CHAPTER 3

What does Ellie see when she is catching a last glimpse of her babysitter?



- Ellie sees a boy with long hair, standing beneath the palm tree.
- I stare out into the night to catch a last glimpse of my babysitter, but see someone else: a boy with long hair. He's standing beneath the old, dying palm tree on our front lawn. It drops big brown fronds everywhere, and my mom says it needs to come down.

CHAPTER 3

What does the boy say to Ellie's mother?



- ““You need to put your trash out,” the boy calls to my mom. Tomorrow is trash day and our neighbors’ trash cans line the street.”

CHAPTER 3

Do you think Ellie has had a good conversation with the boy? Why?

What is the identity of the boy? Are you surprised at the result?



CHAPTER 4

Why does Ellie's mother tell the grandfather not to put anything strange in the fridge?



- “My mom tells stories of how when she was little, my grandfather would keep experiments in the refrigerator. There would be stacks of petri dishes next to the cottage cheese and butter.”

CHAPTER 4

What does the grandfather get picked up by the police for?



- The police notices her grandfather is trespassing on private property.
- “They said I was trespassing on private property,” he says. “I got let off with a warning.”

CHAPTER 4

Why is Ellie's grandfather angry at the police?



- Because the police says he is trespassing on his own property, his laboratory.
- “My laboratory!” His voice trembles with outrage. “I practically built that place! I have credits on nineteen of their patents, you know. You’d think they’d have some respect.”

CHAPTER 5

DOES ELLIE'S MOTHER LIKE TO COOK? WHAT ABOUT ELLIE?



- No, Ellie's mother does not like to cook, but Ellie does. She wakes up early to make breakfast.
- "I'm always the first one up in the morning because I like to cook breakfast. My mom hates cooking and jokes that she doesn't know if I'm really her kid."

CHAPTER 5

HOW MANY VERSIONS OF PANCAKES DOES ELLIE MAKE FOR BREAKFAST?



- Ellie makes 3 different versions of pancakes for breakfast.
- “So far, I’ve made a s’mores version (chocolate, marshmallows, graham cracker crumbles), a banana split version (bananas, chocolate bits, maraschino cherry), and a piña colada one (pineapples, coconut).”

CHAPTER 5

WHAT IS T. MELVINUS?



- T. Melvinus is a type of jellyfish.
- “It stands for Turritopsis melvinus. It’s a species of jellyfish.”

CHAPTER 5

**WHY DOES ELLIE'S
GRANDFATHER KNOW A LOT
ABOUT JELLYFISH?**



- “Because I’ve been researching it for the last forty years. It’s my side project. I’ve had articles published, you know.”

CHAPTER 6

WHAT IS THE NAME OF ELLIE'S LAB PARTNER?

“The girl who’s my lab partner in science has an open seat next to her.

Her name’s Momo and she went to a different elementary school from me.”



CHAPTER 6

**WHAT SPORT DOES BRIANA PLAY?
WHY DID BRIANA CUT HER HAIR
SHORT?**

- Briana is a volleyball player.
- Briana cuts her hair because it is easier to play volleyball.



CHAPTER 6

WHAT IS ELLIE AND BRIANA'S FAVORITE FOOD?

- Their favorite food is crispy corn dog.
- “We both love corn dogs. We even made up a commercial featuring the crispy corn dog.”



CHAPTER 7

WHAT IS ELLIE'S GRANDPA OPINION ON MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- Her grandpa does not really like middle school.
- “He’s not a fan of middle school. He says it’s boring and a waste of time, especially gym.”



CHAPTER 7

WHAT DOES ELLIE PICK FOR HER TAKEOUT?

- She orders a wonton soup.
- “I’ll take a wonton soup,” I say..”



CHAPTER 7

WHAT SHOW IS ELLIE'S MOTHER WATCHING?

- She is watching Our Town.



CHAPTER 7

WHO CALLS ELLIE WHEN THE PHONE RINGS?

- It is Elie's dad.



CHAPTER 7

WHERE IS ELIE'S DAD?

- He is in Iowa City.





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