

THE ADVENTURES OF DREW AND ELLIE



*THE*  
**DARING  
RESCUE**

*BY CHARLES NOLAND*

**ILLUSTRATED BY  
TOM MOYER**

The Adventures of Drew and Ellie

# The Daring Rescue

*By Charles Noland*

*Illustrated by Tom Moyer*



**Second Edition**

© 2006 by Charles Noland. All rights reserved.

**No part of this book may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted by any means, without written permission from the author.**

**First published 2005**

**Published by TMD Enterprises, Rochester, NY**

**Library of Congress Control Number: 2006908235**

**ISBN 13: 978-0-9789297-2-5**

**ISBN 10: 0-9789297-2-1 (previously ISBN 1-4208-9654-7)**

**This book is printed on acid free paper.**

**Printed in the United States of America**

# Table of Contents

Chapter 1 – A Puzzling Morning .....	1
Chapter 2 – Heading to the Mountains .....	11
Chapter 3 – A Colorful Choice .....	18
Chapter 4 – A Slippery Mistake .....	28
Chapter 5 – Drew’s Wild Ride.....	37
Chapter 6 – All Hung Up.....	44
Chapter 7 – Ellie to the Rescue .....	50
Chapter 8 – A Bandit with a Mask.....	62
Chapter 9 – Where the Pieces Fit.....	69



# A Puzzling Morning

Drew looked at his sister through the end of his spyglass.

“Hey, Ellie,” he called out. “Oh, Ellie.” When he got no answer, he shouted a third time. “Ellie!”

Ellie looked up at her brother.

“You look very small and very far away,” he said. But she wasn’t really that far away. She was just sitting across the room from him.

“Drew,” she whined, not wanting to play along with his silly game.

Drew flipped the spyglass around and then looked through it again at his sister.

“Wow, Ellie, now you’re really big and really close, like I could touch you from here.” He reached out toward her and started waving his arm around wildly.

“Drew, stop it!” Ellie yelled, now thoroughly annoyed with her brother. “Can’t you see I’m busy?”

Ellie was sitting on a stool, putting together a jigsaw puzzle, which was spread out on a card table in their playroom. It was one of her all-time favorite puzzles, with pictures of fuzzy kittens playing with bright balls of yarn.

“Andrew and Ellen!” called their mother from the kitchen. “I want you to play nicely together or it’s a time-out for both of you.”

With a sigh, Drew put the spyglass down and walked over to where his sister was sitting. “Can I help you with that?” he asked.

“All right,” Ellie said. “I’m looking for the piece that goes over here.” She pointed to the ragged edge of the puzzle.



Together they worked on the project for quite a while, finishing almost half of it. Finally, Ellie looked up at her brother and said, “Let’s do something different now.”

“Okay,” Drew replied, as they both got up from the table.

They walked over to the back window of the apartment and looked outside. It was late fall, and almost all the leaves were already off the trees and scattered on the ground. Sometimes the wind would catch a few and whip them into the air. Eventually, they would all float slowly back down to the ground.

“I wish we could go outside and play,” Drew said.

“Yeah, it’s boring in here,” Ellie replied.



“Boring?” asked their mom, as she came into the room.

“There’s nothing to do,” Drew said. “Can we go outside and play?”

“Not right now,” she replied. “I have an idea, though. Why don’t you two go on one of your make-believe adventures?”

Drew looked at his sister and asked, “Do you want to?”

Ellie glanced at her mom and then back at Drew. “I guess so,” she said, a little unsure of herself.

“Come on, now,” their mom said, smiling. “You’re always telling me how much fun you have on your escapades. I’ll even get you some snack crackers to take along.”

She went back into the kitchen and returned a minute later with two packages of peanut butter crackers.

“Just remember not to make a mess when you eat these,” she said, handing them each a snack.



After she left the room, Drew asked, “Do you want to get the magical dress?”

He was talking about a hand-me-down dress that Ellie had received from a family friend. The first time she wore it, she discovered the magical things it could do.

It had been a few weeks since their first adventure with it, and Drew was feeling a bit courageous. He thought they were ready to try it again.

Ellie’s eyes widened in surprise, “Do you really think we should?”

“This time we’ll do things differently,” he said. “We know we can’t get the dress wet, otherwise it won’t work. So maybe we could take something with us to help keep it dry.”

“We could use my backpack from school!” Ellie said, suddenly excited.

“Great,” Drew replied. “And we could take along some food in case we get hungry.”

“Okay, but where do you want to go?”

“I don’t know. Let’s go up to my bedroom and figure it out.”

Ellie trailed up the stairs after her brother. Once in his room, she climbed onto his bed.



They tried to think of an exciting place to go. Finally, Drew looked at his sister and asked, “Do you remember when we went hiking in the mountains last summer?”

Ellie nodded her head slowly. “Kind of.”

“Why don’t we go there? We could go hiking. It’s easy, because all the trails are marked by different colors.”

“Okay,” Ellie said, hesitantly

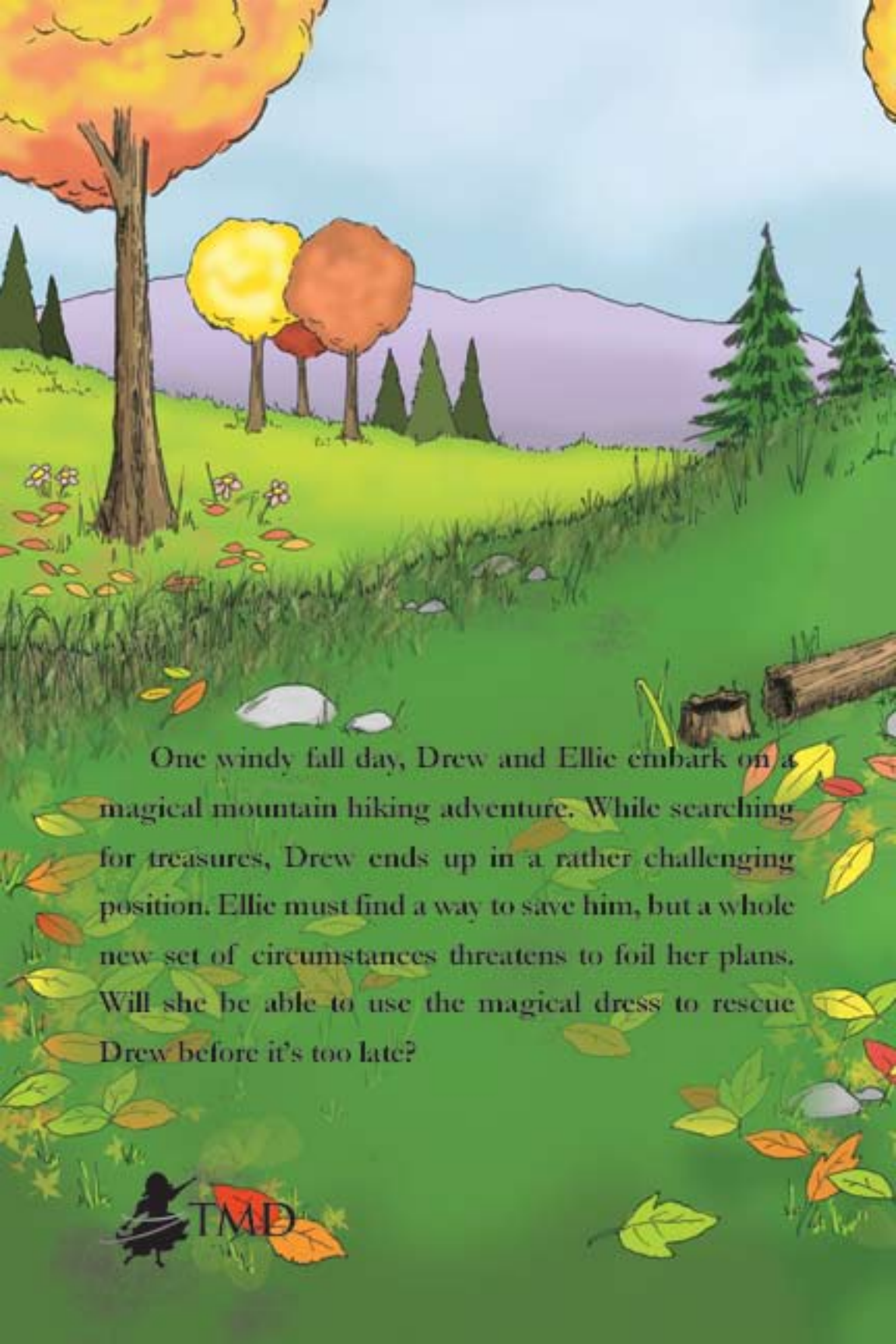
“Come on,” Drew coaxed. “We can collect leaves and pinecones.”

“And maybe we can find some shiny stones, too,” Ellie said, becoming more interested.

“Sure we could.”

“Okay, let’s go!”

Drew hopped off the bed and said, “Wait here. I’ll be right back.”



One windy fall day, Drew and Ellie embark on a magical mountain hiking adventure. While searching for treasures, Drew ends up in a rather challenging position. Ellie must find a way to save him, but a whole new set of circumstances threatens to foil her plans. Will she be able to use the magical dress to rescue Drew before it's too late?

