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Who Stole *The Wizard* of Oz?



YEARLING



1... *The Crime*

My sister Becky and I were stretched out on the front porch one morning thinking out loud about how we should spend our summer vacation. It was too hot to do much more. At about nine-thirty, a police car turned down our street, then stopped in front of the Checkertown Library. Checkertown, Ohio—that's our town. Anyway, we watched the policeman go into the library, then we went back to making plans. But half an hour later, the phone rang. Becky jumped up, ran inside, and grabbed it. "Hello?"

"Is this Becky?"

"Yes."

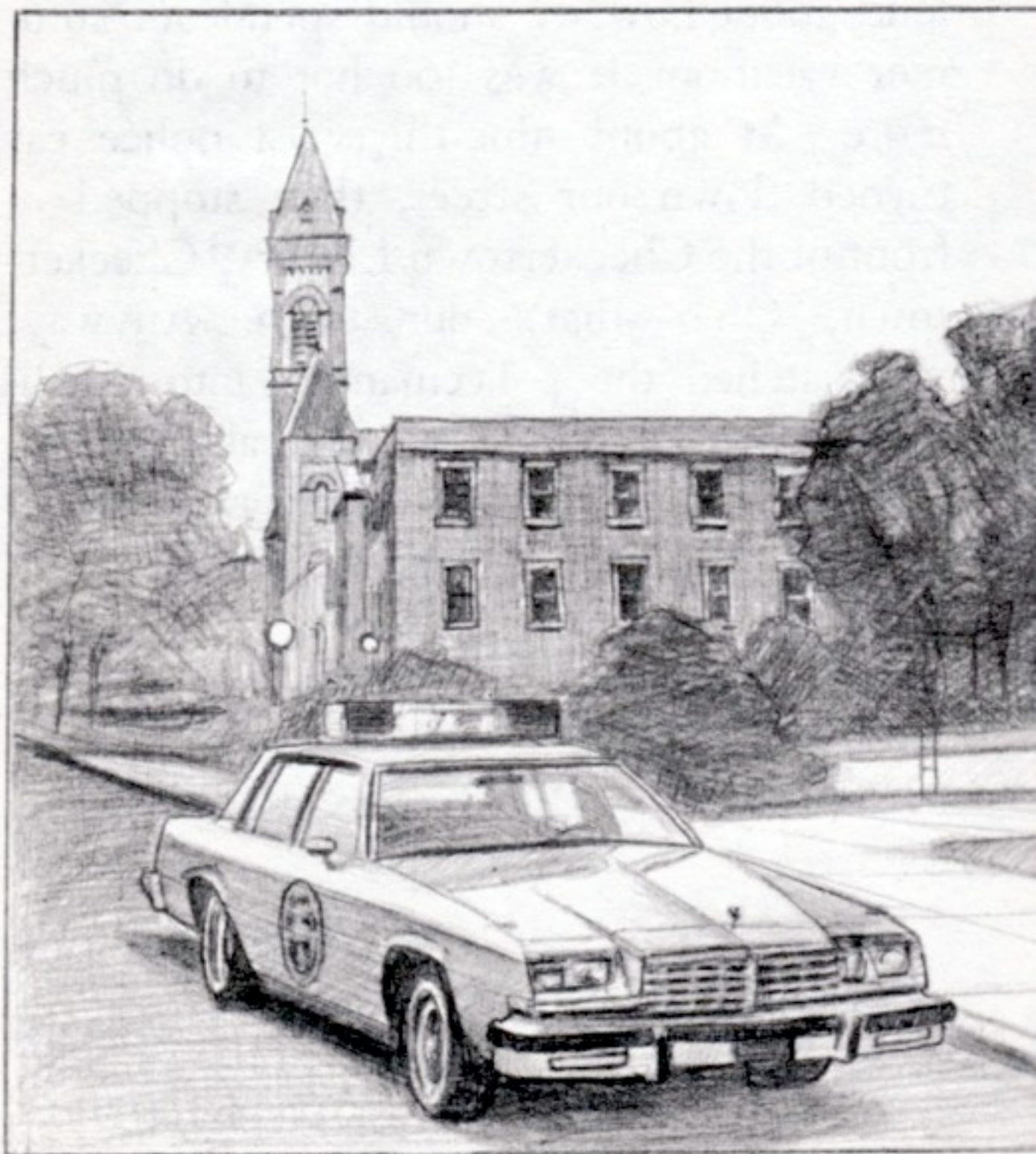
"This is Mrs. Brattle. The Checkertown librarian."

“Oh, hi.”

“Becky, there’s a policeman here who wants to talk to you. Can you come over now?”

“What for?”

“There’s been a robbery at the library, Becky,” said Mrs. Brattle.



"What's that got to do with me?"

For a moment, Mrs. Brattle didn't say anything. "Please," she finally said, "just come. And I think you'd best bring one of your parents."

"They're not home. Neither is my Grandpa. Only my brother Toby is here with me.



STOP, THIEF!

Becky is in big trouble. The Checkertown librarian has accused her of stealing a rare children's book! Now she's got to clear her name by tracking down the real culprit with the help of her twin brother, Toby. Together they investigate a string of bizarre crimes about town—including the disappearance of four more children's books. The twins soon find clues in the stories themselves that point the way to a secret treasure! But can they figure out the treasure map before the thief does?

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