



# The Littles

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**WILLIAM T. LITTLE** and his family were tiny people. They lived in a house owned by George W. Bigg. Mr. Bigg and his family didn't know the Littles were living with them. The Littles kept out of sight. They lived in tiny rooms in the walls of the house.

The Littles looked almost like people you see every day. But they were very much smaller. Mr. Little was only six inches tall. And he was big for a Little. The other Littles were even smaller.





In one way the Littles did not look at all like other people. They had tails. The Littles were proud of their tails. They kept them combed and brushed, and sometimes the women curled their tails when they wanted to look especially nice.

The Littles took everything they needed from the Biggs. Usually the Biggs didn't even know anything was missing. But once in a while Mrs. Bigg would say, "Now where did that thing go? I had it right here a minute ago. It seems to have disappeared." Only last week her son Henry had shouted, "Hey, Ma! Where are my red socks? I can't find them anywhere."

And of course the Littles got all their food from the Biggs. When the Biggs had roast beef for dinner, the Littles had roast beef for dinner too.

The Biggs didn't know it, but the electric socket on the kitchen counter was a secret door. As soon as the Bigg family were busy eating their cake or pie or Jello, the Littles would dash through the door. They would take what they needed of the left-over dinner scraps and be back through the door in seconds.

The Littles helped the Biggs in return for the things they took. Only the Biggs didn't

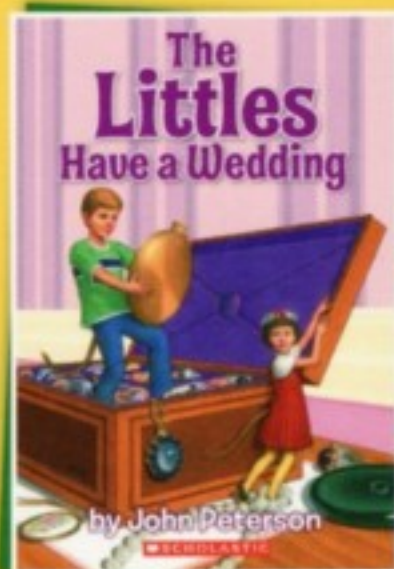
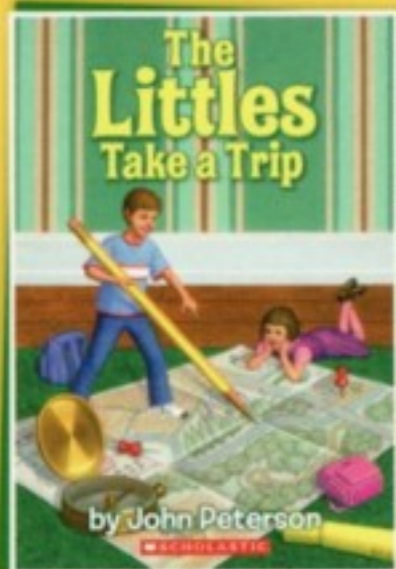




# Tiny family. Huge adventures.

The Littles live in the walls of the Biggs' house. But when the Biggs go on vacation and a messy family comes to stay, the trouble begins. Mice! Cats! How much can one small family take? Will Tom and Lucy, the littlest Littles of all, be able to save the day?

Check out these other adventures with the Littles!



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