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# HELEN KELLER

## COURAGE

IN THE

## DARK



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## Chapter 1

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, on a farm in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller were thrilled with their beautiful, healthy baby. But then something terrible happened.

When little Helen was a year and a half old, she became very sick. She had a high fever. Her parents were afraid that she would die.





Annie taught Helen many new things. She taught her to sit at the dinner table. She taught her to eat with a knife and fork and spoon. She taught her to dress herself and brush her hair.

Annie wanted to teach her student something that was even more important. She wanted to teach young Helen how to understand words.





## Chapter 3

In May 1888, Helen was ready for a new challenge. Shortly before her eighth birthday, she went to Boston with Annie. They went to Annie's old school, the Perkins Institution. There Helen learned to read Braille.





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