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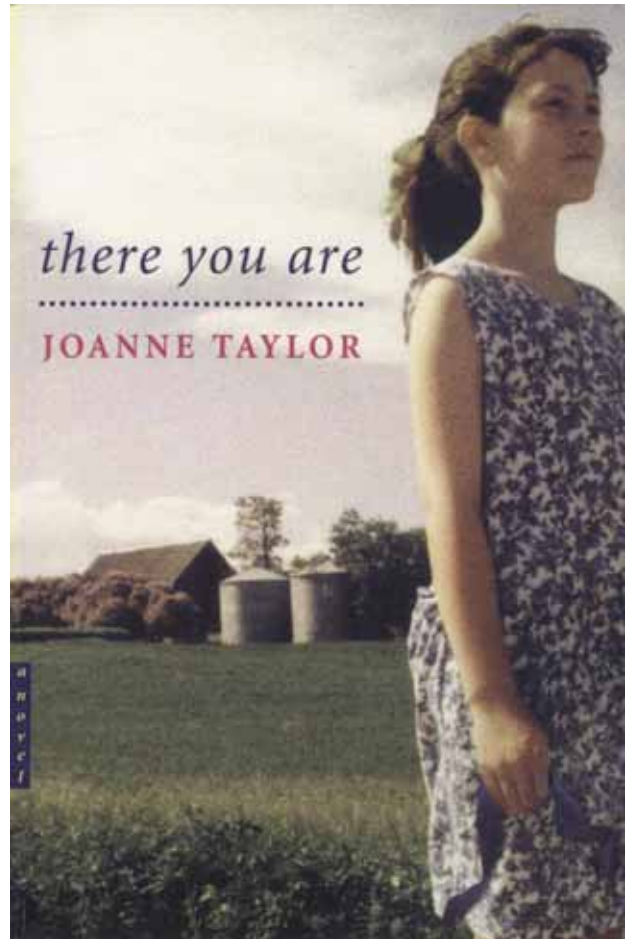
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There You Are

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In 1952 Cape Breton, Jeannie Shaw longs for a friend. Only thirteen families live on their stretch of the Margaree Valley. All Jeannie has is her pesky little sister Pearl who's constantly getting into mischief. It drives Jeannie crazy that her parents always forgive Pearl, no matter what she's done, including decorating Barncat with Jeannie's ribbons. When another family moves to the Valley, Jeannie is sure she'll find a friend among them, but faces one disappointment after another. The kid that's her age is a boy called Cap, who gets along with everyone but Jeannie. When she accidentally discovers he has a girl cousin living with them, but not attending school, Jeannie just has to meet her. The outcome is the worst thing that's ever happened to Jeannie. until she's responsible when her four-year-old sister and their little cousin go missing. Will her parents ever be able to forgive Jeannie?

"This book is loosely based on a true family story of my great-aunt who, as a toddler, got lost near that area. Jeannie Shaw was my grandmother's name. In fact, many of the names in the book are from my own family. Yes, even the very odd names."



Thematic Links:

Friendship
Family, siblings
Cape Breton
World War II
Polio

Activity Ideas:

- Jeannie Shaw makes a simple cotton dress for just under 25 cents, the Church Supper is 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children. What can you buy today with 25 cents? Find five things. Research today's cost of living in Canada and in other parts of the world. Perhaps your class could take part in the "Global Grocery List Project." Go to <http://www.landmark-project.com/ggl/>
- Design a new book cover.
- What is your favourite dessert? Can you bring in a recipe? Perhaps your class can create and make copies of a cookbook.
- Write an autobiography including some of your family stories.