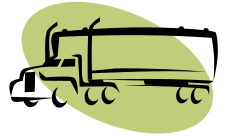


## Dear Mr. Henshaw Summary



Since second grade, \_\_\_\_\_ has been writing to \_\_\_\_\_, a children's book \_\_\_\_\_. Leigh describes his life beside a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, a town known for its \_\_\_\_\_. Leigh's parents are \_\_\_\_\_ and he seldom sees his \_\_\_\_\_. Leigh is worried that his dad might \_\_\_\_\_. At school, an unknown \_\_\_\_\_ has been stealing from his \_\_\_\_\_. Luckily he has a friend named \_\_\_\_\_.

On March 17, Leigh walked out into a \_\_\_\_\_ of trees. There weren't many \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe they started to go \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_. He was going to write \_\_\_\_\_ instead of poetry, but he got to thinking about when he went with his dad to \_\_\_\_\_.

Later, Leigh Miss Neely the \_\_\_\_\_ asked if he had written anything. He said no. He threw his story of \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_. Next was \_\_\_\_\_ but he couldn't make it into a story because he didn't know who the \_\_\_\_\_ was. Finally, he wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ of when he rode with his father down \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

One afternoon, \_\_\_\_\_ came over to his house. They had been working on a \_\_\_\_\_ for his room. His mom made a \_\_\_\_\_. Barry said he liked eating at Leigh's house. He got tired of his \_\_\_\_\_. He asked about Leigh's sign, which said, "Keep out mom, \_\_\_\_\_." But Leigh said that his mom will stay out of his room if he keeps it \_\_\_\_\_. His mom is not a \_\_\_\_\_.

Later, Leigh asked his mom if she thought dad would get \_\_\_\_\_. She said, "I don't know how he can \_\_\_\_\_. He has big payments to make on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the price of \_\_\_\_\_ goes up all the time." She also said, "Your father isn't a \_\_\_\_\_. He will never \_\_\_\_\_."

When Leigh got his yearbook, he opened it and saw a \_\_\_\_\_. He hadn't won first prize. He won \_\_\_\_\_. Leigh felt \_\_\_\_\_. Then Miss Neely said that that Famous Author was \_\_\_\_\_. Leigh still wanted to meet her because she was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

Then next day, Miss Neely asked Leigh if he wanted to see \_\_\_\_\_. She said the winning poem had been \_\_\_\_\_ out of a book. Miss Neely called his mom for \_\_\_\_\_. Miss Neely drove them. Leigh couldn't think of anything to say to \_\_\_\_\_ because he had never \_\_\_\_\_. A couple of girls said that they wanted to write books \_\_\_\_\_. Then Mrs. Badger looked at Leigh. She said, "So you're the author of \_\_\_\_\_!" She remembered his \_\_\_\_\_. She said that she liked it because it was written \_\_\_\_\_ about something he knew and had \_\_\_\_\_. She said, "You write like \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't try to \_\_\_\_\_. This is one mark of \_\_\_\_\_. Then Leigh asked, "Did you ever meet \_\_\_\_\_?" She said that he was a very \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ in his eye. On the ride home, everybody was \_\_\_\_\_, but Leigh just wanted to \_\_\_\_\_. When he got home, he told his \_\_\_\_\_. Then, he wrote a letter to \_\_\_\_\_.