

The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963

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Positive



Page 13
Byron freezes

While making kissy faces in the car window, instead of scraping windows, Byron's lips freeze to the window.



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Byron gets Kenny's gloves

Byron helped his brother get his leather gloves back after another bully, Larry Dunn stole them.

Negative



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Reading Aloud

Kenny was often asked to read to upper grades, and this time, he had to read to his brother's class.



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Rufus

A new boy name Rufus moved to Clark School. While Kenny was hoping kids would tease Rufus instead, Rufus wanted to be friends.



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The Welfare List

Kenny and Byron are sent to the grocery store where they are sure that they will find out that their family is on welfare.

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The Ultra Glide

Daddy is fixing up the "Brown Bomber" and the best addition is a record player for the car.



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Byron is going away

After enough incidents, the parents decide to send Byron to go live with Grandma Sands.



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The trip begins!

The Watson family sets off to Birmingham to leave Byron with Grandma Sands.



Page 155
Arriving in Birmingham

The first view of Grandma Sands and her home in Birmingham.



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Appalachia Mountains

The family stopped to rest and eat, but the fear of racism and prejudice scared them.



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Collier's Landing

Kenny almost drowns because of a hidden whirlpool, but Byron saves him.



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Church Bombing

The church that Joey was attending was bombed and the family is unsure of her fate.

Graphic Map

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Joey survives

Joey comes home but Kenny cannot comprehend what has happened, as he is sure that he found Joey's shoe in the rubble of the church.



Page 199
Byron saves Kenny again

After Byron finds out Kenny's hiding spot, he begins spending time near him. Byron, of all people, helps Kenny deal with all of his problems.



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The Couch

Because of all of the trauma, all Kenny can do is hid behind the couch, avoiding life and his family.