

THE TREASURE SEEKERS

BEING THE ADVENTURES OF
THE BASTABLE CHILDREN TO
RESTORE THE FAMILY FORTUNES



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Dedication

To every child who takes every step with courage, carry dreams with hope, and struggles for his family with love that shines silently in his heart; this book is for you. May your sacrifices be honoured, your efforts acknowledged, your hope never fades, and your path always lead to a brighter tomorrow.



Preface

The Story of The Treasure Seekers, written by E Nesbit and first published in 1899, is a charming children's adventure set in Victorian England. The story follows the six Bastable children, whose family is facing financial difficulties and their imaginative efforts to restore the family fortune. Filled with creativity and curiosity, the children come up with many plans; digging for treasure in their garden, acting as detectives, and attempting to dare heroic deeds, though these schemes often lead to humorous mistakes and unexpected results. Narrated by one of the children, the tale captures the lively voice of childhood, showing the children's love for their father, their loyalty to each other, and their strong sibling bond. Through their adventures, the book explores themes of family, teamwork, kindness, courage, and the innocence and imagination of youth, making it an enduring classic in children's literature. The main focus of this translated edition is visuals. And a brief description of each picture is given, so that children can understand well and create a clear picture in their imagination. The main aim of this visual based edition is to create interest in storytelling in children and they can understand the story easily. This visual based journey not only entertain them but also inspire them to explore the new books with excitement.



Character Introduction



Mr Bastable

I am Mr Bastable, a middle-aged man and the father of the Bastable children. I have six children; four boys and two girls. I am a hardworking man, but nowadays my business is going at a loss, and I am worried about my financial stability and business. Because of my financial struggles, my children are trying to find different ways of earning money and helping the family to restore its prosperity.



Dora Bastable

I am Dora Bastable, the eldest and most responsible among my siblings. After my mother's death, I became a second mother to my siblings. I take care of my family and try to keep everyone in the house safe. I deeply care for my family and often guide them to not act too recklessly.



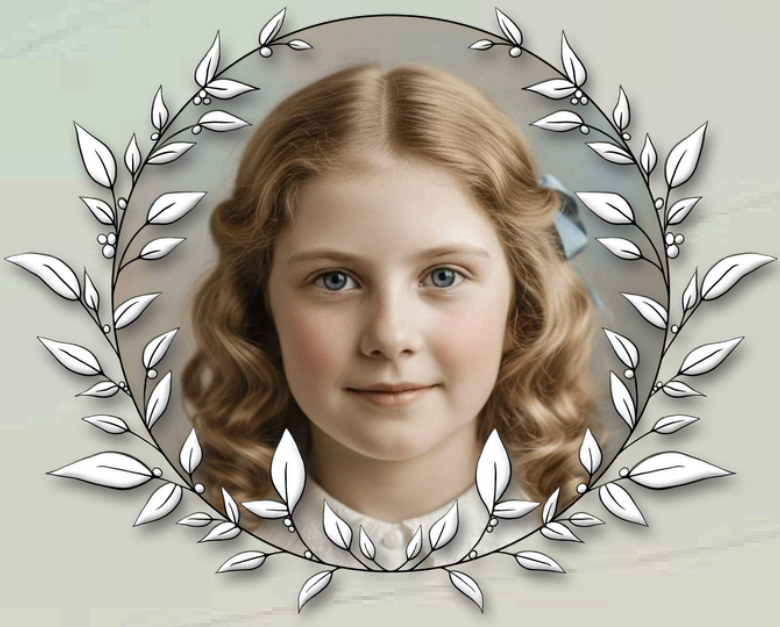
Oswald Bastable

I am Oswald Bastable, younger than Dora. I am confident, adventurous, and proud. I like to make and lead the plans to find treasure and I think that it can restore our family fortune. I consider myself brave and imaginative, though sometimes I may sound a little boastful.



Dicky Bastable

I am Dicky Bastable, the third among the Bastable children. I am sensible, intelligent and practical. I think logically and usually guide my siblings in their plans.



Alice Bastable

I am Alice Bastable, a ten-year-old girl and the fourth Bastable child. I am kind, gentle, caring and loyal. I love to take care of my family. Due to my caring nature, I support my family a lot.



Noel Bastable

I am Noel Bastable and I am twin brother of Alice Bastable. I have artistic abilities and love to write poetry. My perspective of life is creative and romantic.



Horace Octavius (H.O.)

I am Horace Octavius, but everyone calls me H.O. I am the youngest among all the Bastable children. I have curious and innocent nature and because of my this nature Often get frightened. I enjoy the adventures of my elder siblings and try to add a little humour and sparkle to our situations.



Albert Next Door

I am Albert, but the Bastable children call me Albert-Next-Door. They gave this name because I am their neighbour. Due to my cautious nature, I seldomly join Bastable children in their adventurous plans



Albert's Uncle

I am Albert's uncle. I have a friendly nature. Due to this, I often help Bastable children in their plans and guide them where needed.



Indian Uncle

I am the Indian Uncle, and I am their Late mother's relative. I am a wealthy man who came from India to help Mr Bastable in improving and stabilizing his financial condition.

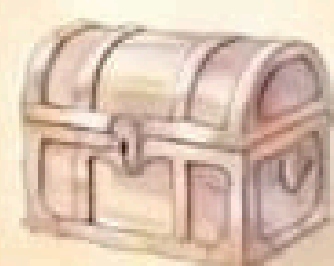


Lord Tottenham

I am Lord Tottenham, an aristocrat who passes by the heath every day. The Bastable children once tried to create a heroic situation with me and pretended to rescue me from a dog which was their pet.

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CHAPTER ONE

Council of Ways and Means





This is Basable family portrait. The Bastable family comprises six children; four boys and two girls. Dora Bastable is the eldest among all siblings followed by Oswald Bastable, Dicky Bastable, Alice Bastable, Noel Bastable and Horace Octavius usually known as HO.



Mr Bastable was extremely worried because his business was suffering with major loss. The constant stress regarding his business, made him weak and ill. The Bastable children saw it and became worried about their father's health. They wanted to help their father through every possible way.



The Bastable children held a meeting named as “Council of Ways and Means” where they were considering different ideas to help their father cope with his financial issues.



Each child shared his own idea to help their family. Oswald suggested that they could rescue a rich person and get reward. Dicky suggested that they can look for advertisements in newspapers. Noel gave an idea of selling his poetry meanwhile, Alice gave an idea to use diving rod to find treasure. Horace suggested becoming bandits. Dora, the eldest among all, listened to their plans carefully and guided them to dig for treasure in the garden.



Finally, they started to work on Dora's plan first as she was eldest among them. They started digging in the garden to find treasure.