That Little Voice Inside (A)

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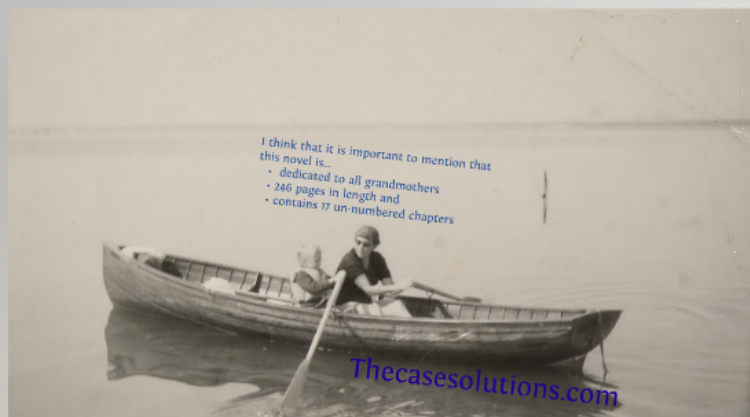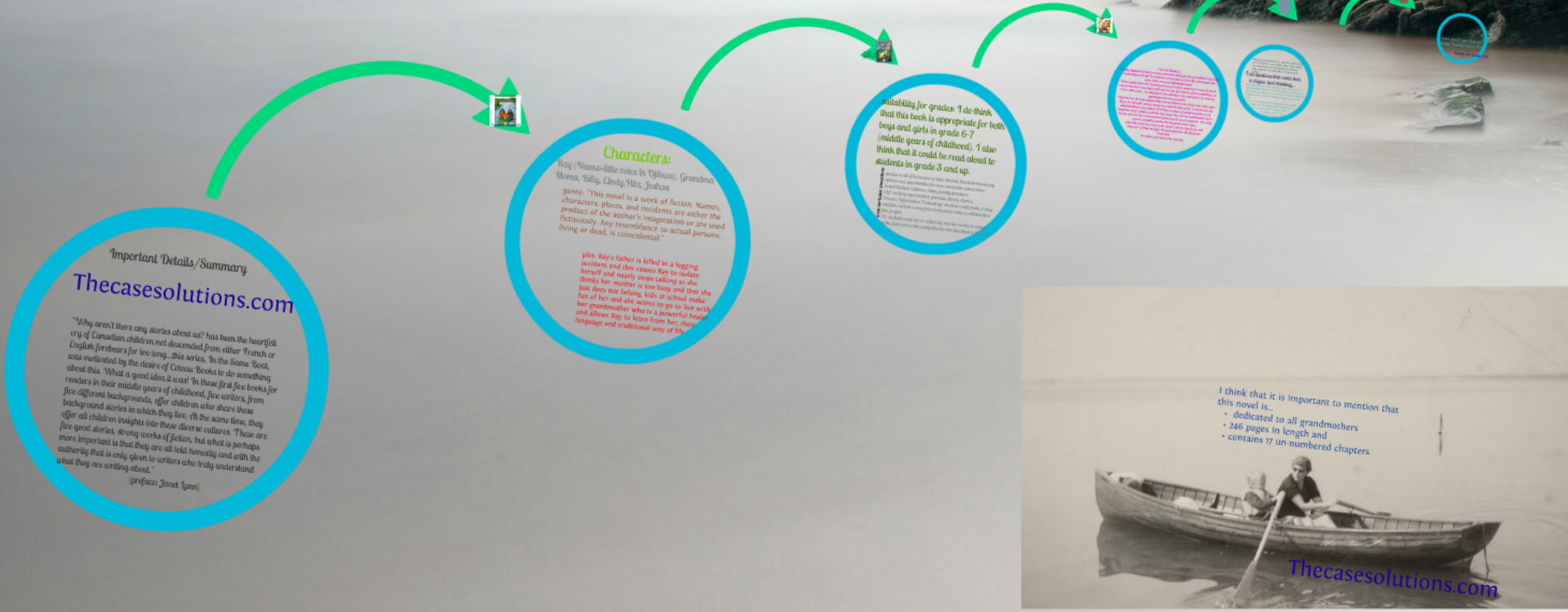
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setting: the story takes place beginning in the summer of 1978 in the summer in a Northern Ontario community and can travel by train to Grandma's cabin, is a small village.

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(preface: Janet Lunn)

Characters:

Ray (Naens=little voice in Ojibwa), Grandma Meena, Billy, Cindy, Htr, Joshua

genre: "This novel is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places, and incidents are either the product of the author's imagination or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is coincidental."

plot: Ray's father is killed in a logging accident and this causes Ray to isolate herself and nearly stops talking as she thinks her mother is too busy and that she just does not belong, kids at school make fun of her and she wants to go to live with her grandmother who is a powerful healer and allows Ray to learn from her, their language and traditional way of life

availability for grades: I do think that this book is appropriate for both boys and girls in grade 6-7 (middle years of childhood). I also think that it could be read aloud to students in grade 3 and up.

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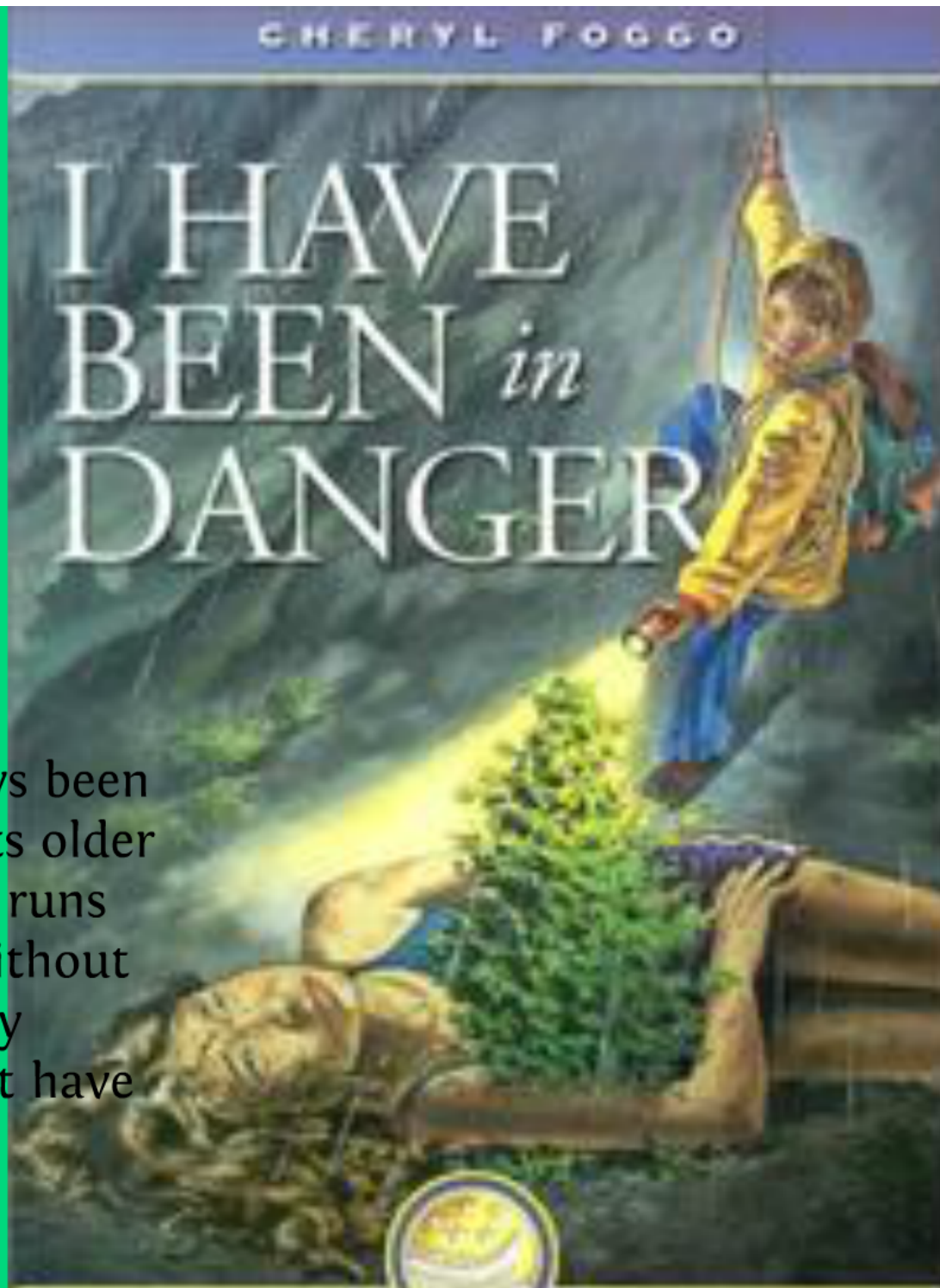
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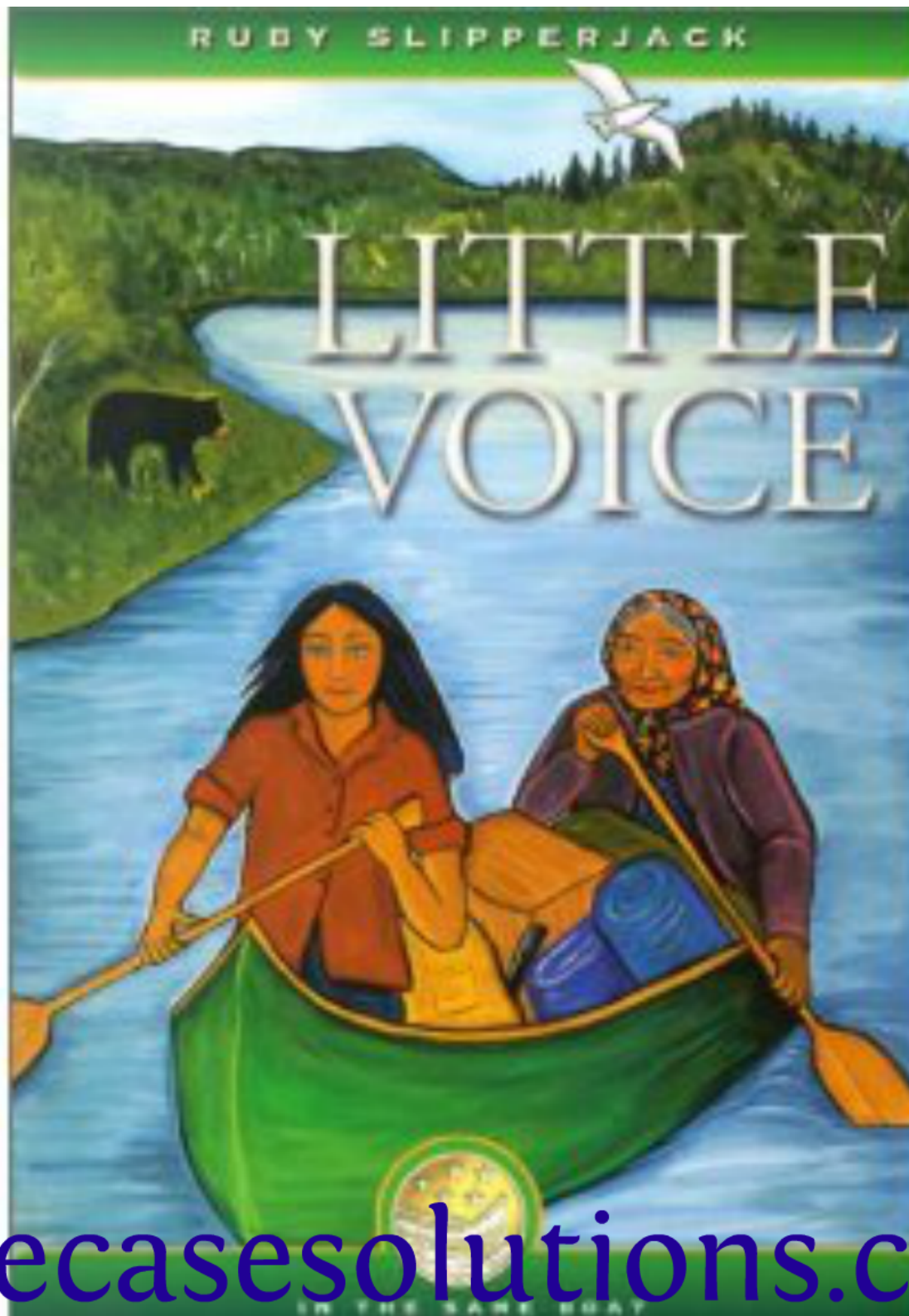
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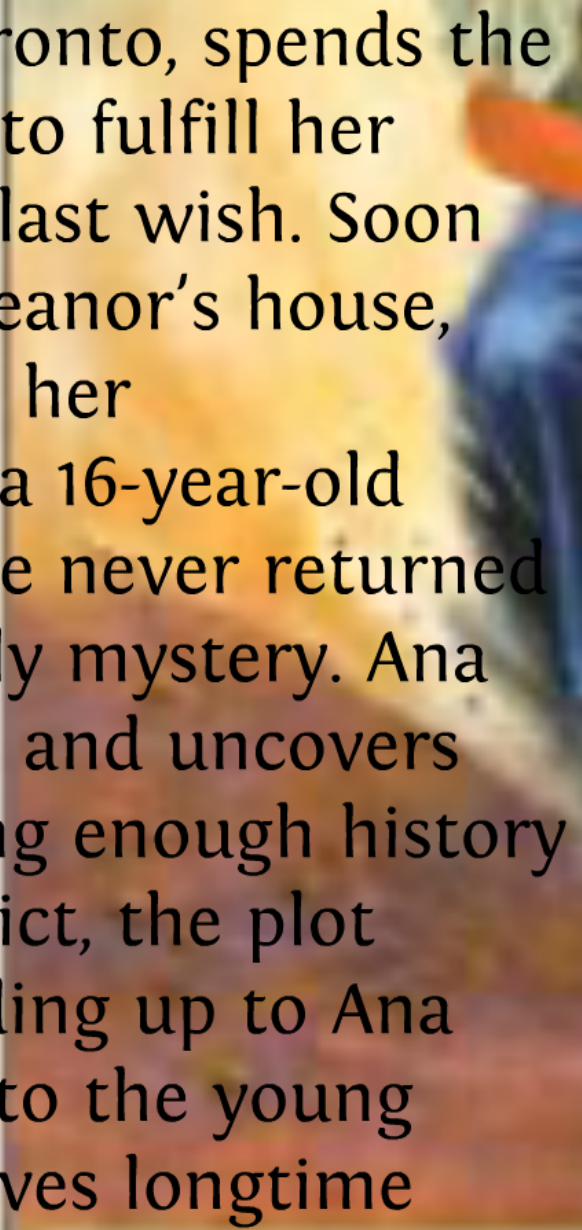
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