

SnapRead!

Stella moved to a new building. Her neighbor was Mrs. Washington. Stella called her Mrs. W. Mrs. W. liked to talk to Stella. She was afraid of the girl at first. Stella was from out of town. Stella had no luggage. But Stella helped Mrs. W. Then they were friends.

Mrs. W. and Stella talked a lot. Stella told her about her dreams. She wanted to go to school at night. She wanted to earn a degree. She wanted a new job. Mrs. W. told her about her grandson. She loved her grandson. But her grandson was a fool, she said.

Mrs. W. was the first person Stella talked to in Boston. Stella thought that people in big cities were cold. She was afraid to talk. Mrs. W. said she should give folks a chance. Then Stella opened up.

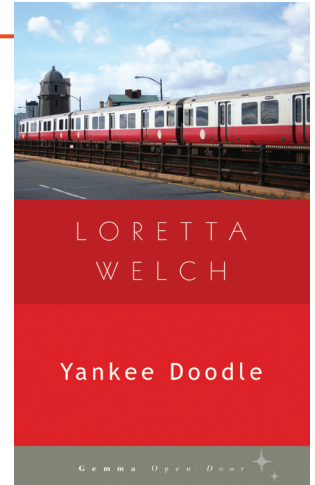
Mrs. W. was happy that Stella wanted a good job. She was glad she went to school after work. But, she worried about her. She thought Stella had a hard life.

“Stop working so much, Stella. Don’t be riding that train so late!”

Stella said she was fine. Mrs. W. was proud of Stella.

Stella said that she had hope.

Mrs. W. smiled.



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