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Who did Jackie get to stay with since she was going to graduate high school in a couple months?	Her best friend, Carol Lee	5
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What color horse did Charlie make wishes on if she saw one?	white horses	7
What did Charlie do while making a wish on a dandelion?	blew the seeds on it	7
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Who taught Charlie about wishing on 11:11 on the clock?	A man who owned the bait and tackle shop by the lake where she and Scrappy used to go fishing.	7
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How did Howard Odom know Bertha and Gus?	From church and he gave them a cat one time.	10
What did Gus teach Howard to do?	Make a slingshot.	10
What did Bertha sell sometimes by the side of the road in the summer?	bread-and-butter pickles	10
What did Gus do before Howard and his mom had barbecue sandwiches in their front yard?	Pulled Howard's mom's car out of the ditch with his tractor.	10
What did Charlie make a wish on when she got to Gus and Bertha's driveway after walking from the bus?	A penny she found in the dirt.	12
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What did Charlie call Howard before she got to know him?	The up-down boy	16
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What did the Odom boys do for Gus that showed they were good-hearted?	Helped him replace the boards on the porch that were eaten by termites and wouldn't accept any money...only a bag of turnips.	16
What did Bertha buy from Big Lots for Charlie?	Cinderella pillow cases	18
How old was Charlie?	ten...almost eleven	18
What did Carol Lee's cousin give to Jackie?	A cashmere sweater she didn't want anymore	18
What was Carol Lee's dad teaching Jackie to do?	drive	18
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What did Gus wear all day and half the night?	A baseball cap	21
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Which girl said "nice boots" sarcastically to Charlie?	Audrey Mitchell	23

Why did Charlie have to see the principal, Mr. Mason, on her second day at school?	She kicked Audrey Mitchell's shin.	23
Why had Charlie been sent home on her first day of kindergarten?	She poked a boy with the pointy end of a pencil.	25
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What did Howard's mom teach his brother, Cotton, to say every time he got the urge to draw on the wall?	rutabaga	25
What is the name of the mountains that are blue because of something the pine trees release into the air?	The Blue Ridge Mountains	25
What did Charlie see out the window of the bus in a dirt driveway next to some trailers?	Two dogs fighting--one of them was brown, black, and skinny, with long floppy ears	28
What did Charlie do with a piece of pie to make a wish on it?	Cut off the pointed end of a piece and save it for last.	30
Who taught Charlie about making a wish on a pie piece?	Her cousin Melvin	30
What wish did Charlie's cousin, Melvin, make that came true?	His brother left and got married and he got the bedroom all to himself.	30
What do zucchini plants have on them before the squash form?	giant yellow flowers	30
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Why did Charlie's mom stop taking them to church?	Her mom got too nervous to drive and wouldn't take off her bathrobe or comb her hair.	35
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What wishing ritual did Jackie's friend Casey teach Charlie?	If you count to 13 when you see a truck full of hay you can make a wish.	37
What did Charlie like to draw on her arm?	hearts and stars	40
What were Howard's oldest brothers' names?	Burl and Lenny	40
Why did Bertha think Charlie might want to go to Fairview and visit Bertha's friend, Jonelle?	She had a daughter Charlie's age.	42
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What came with the Miracle Mop if people bought it from the TV?	A set of knives	44
Why did Howard tell Charlie to share her troubles with someone?	That made them smaller.	46
What did the needlepoint sign Howard's mom made say about troubles?	If all our troubles were hung on a line, you'd choose yours and I'd choose mine.	46
What did Charlie used to do with her dad, Scrappy?	play poker, watch Wheel of Fortune, and eat macaroni and cheese for breakfast.	46

What did Jackie used to do for Charlie when they lived together?	french braid her hair and share her nail polish with her.	48
What did Howard say stray dogs always have?	the mange and ticks	48
What did Charlie name her dog?	Wishbone	48
Who backed her car into a flagpole at the post office?	Bertha's friend Racine	52
What did Charlie do when an acorn fell from the tree right at her feet on the porch?	Turned in a circle 3 times with the acorn in her hand, then made a wish.	52
What did Charlie do with the acorn to make her wish stronger?	Set it on the windowsill for 3 days	52
Who taught Charlie about acorn wishes?	Her Girl Scout leader in Raleigh	52
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Where did a man sell moldy strawberries from the back of his truck?	On highway 14	56
Who stole the hot dogs from Gus and Bertha's cooler when they went camping?	A baby bear	59
What kind of snake once got in the house and Bertha stayed at Jonelle's house for a week until Gus swore it was gone?	A garter snake	59
Who got drunk and lost his false teeth at a church picnic?	Arthur Kruger	59
How did Bertha and Carla spend the summer when Bertha was 10 and Carla was 7?	Making yarn bracelets to sell so they could buy fish for an aquarium their uncle gave them.	59
What happened to the yarn bracelets Carla and Bertha made?	A mean boy threw them up into the branches of a hickory nut tree.	59
What did Carla do to the boy who threw their yarn bracelets into the tree?	Bit him on the hand	59

Where did Bertha and Charlie go shopping for a Sunday dress?	Sears	61
What did Howard draw to help search for Wishbone?	A map	61
What was the bulletin board in the hallway of the church called?	Our Garden of Blessings	63
What did Audrey write on the big yellow daisy she made for the Blessings bulletin board?	My family.	63
What did Charlie see that made her close her eyes, spit 3 times, and make a wish?	A red cardinal	63
What did Charlie take off Howard's face and blow?	An eyelash	66
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Whose bike did Howard say Charlie could borrow?	His brother, Lenny's.	68
What pet did the Odom's have in a cage?	A hamster	68
Which of Howard's brothers was a little older than him?	Dwight	70
What did Mr. Odom do for a living?	truck driver	72
What did Charlie and Howard build with chicken wire?	A trap to catch the stray dog.	75
What was Gus's dog when Gus was a boy?	Skeeter	75
Where did Gus's dog, Skeeter, end up when he jumped into the back of a produce truck?	Hendersonville	75
What happened to Skeeter on his way back to Colby from Hendersonville?	He got stuck with porcupine quills	75
What did Gus's dog, Skeeter, once dig up?	A hornet's nest	75
Where did Gus's dog, Skeeter, wait for him every day?	Outside his school	75

What did Skeeter steal from a frying pan?	chicken livers	75
What nickname did Gus call Charlie?	butterbean	75
What did Charlie say when she made a wish on a ladybug that landed on her arm?	"Ladybug Ladybug, fly away home"	77
What did Jackie do that everyone in school started copying?	Put blue streaks in her hair.	77
What was the name of the guitar player Jackie met who had a pierced nose?	Cockroach	77
Where did Jackie say she might move with her friend Shayla if Shayla's uncle could get them jobs in his Mexican restaurant?	Fort Lauderdale	77
What did Jackie think about going to school to learn?	Being a dental assistant	77
What did Charlie do to Audrey Mitchell on the school bus?	Shoved her off the seat and into the aisle.	81
What did Howard's dad look like?	Very tall, freckles, fiery red hair, twinkly blue eyes	83
What did Howard's dad smell like?	grass, sawdust, and gasoline mixed together	83
What did Howard's dad tell Charlie?	She looked just like her mom, and that he had seen her mom (Carla) before at Gus and Bertha's house.	83
Why had Carla (Charlie's mom) been at Bertha's and Gus's house?	She showed up in the middle of the night with a garbage bag of clothes, leaving her husband and daughters behind, and said she was starting a new life.	90
What did Charlie make a wish on when she was in bed and thought she wasn't going to have a chance to make a wish that day?	A mockingbird singing in the rain	92
Where did Jackie say she and Carol Lee might work during the summer?	Waffle House	95

What did Jackie put on her ankle?	A fake tattoo of a butterfly	95
What 3 places did Charlie see Wishbone?	1) Parking lot of Dairy Freeze, 2) Highway 14 in the rain 3) picnic table by Brushy Creek	95
What mean thing did Charlie call Howard because he said she was acting like a baby?	A squirrel-eating hillbilly	97
What did Charlie feel when she had Wishbone as her very own dog?	thankful	103
What did Charlie use to lure Wishbone and teach him to walk on a leash?	pieces of cheese and bacon	103
What did Mayor Cooter of Colby do if people parked in front of Town Hall?	Shoot their tires out.	103
What did Mayor Cooter's wife used to do?	Wash her underwear and hang them on the antenna or her car and drive around until they were dry.	105
Where did Mayor Cooter and his wife go?	They bought a gold mine in Nevada and moved away.	105
What was the rule about 4-leaf clovers?	If you picked it, you would have good luck, but if you left it growing, you could make a wish.	105
What kind of dog did Howard say Wishbone looked like?	beagle	105
What did Howard teach Wishbone to do?	shake hands	105
Why did Mr. Odom say she was glad to have Charlie there?	She needed a girl on her team.	108
What new store did Bertha say they were building on Route 26?	A new drugstore	108
What did Gus give to Charlie for Wishbone?	A bone-shaped dog tag with his name and phone number on it, and a red dog leash.	110

What did Charlie copy from Audrey to write on a flower for the bulletin board?	I'm healthy.	112
What miracle happened at church to Charlie?	She was able to calm down and apologize for kicking and shoving Audrey.	112
What did Jackie tell Charlie to do to the girls who giggled at her boots?	wink at them.	112
What did Howard do with Bertha's banana muffin?	Picked out all the raisins	114
Who was the only friend who had sent Charlie a postcard?	Carlene Morgan	114
What did Scrappy's dad's tombstone say?	Albert Eugene Reese - Gone but Not Forgotten	114
What did Burl buy that upset the Odom's mom?	A motorcycle	114
What did Charlie see and wish on sitting on a telephone line?	Exactly 3 birds.	116
Who told Charlie it had to be exactly 3 birds on a wire to wish on them?	Scrappy's friend Ray	118
What was the name of the prison where Scrappy lived?	Wake County Correctional Center	118
What did Jackie bring Scrappy when she went to visit him?	Hershey bars and toothpaste	118
What did Howard do while sitting on the couch on his porch on the first day of summer?	A crossword puzzle	120
What did Scrappy say about prison?	They had lumpy gravy and lousy pillows	122
What did Howard and Charlie both say at the same time when they saw Wishbone snapping at minnows?	"Look at him!"	122
What kind of wish did Charlie and Howard make at the creek?	A pinkie wish	122
What did Charlie say when Howard said he didn't wish for anything?	That he wished he didn't have the up-down walk.	125

What did Jackie call it when Charlie felt sorry for herself?	A pity party	125
What made Wishbone pull away from Charlie and run away through the woods?	A chipmunk	127
What was Charlie's favorite thing for breakfast?	grits with cheese and bacon	128
What three good things did Bertha say Wishbone had?	1) He ate bologna for breakfast, 2) He slept on a pillow 3) He was loved by an angel	130
What did Bertha teach Charlie about judging people?	You can't judge people for their mistakes, judge them by how they fix them.	132
How did the Odom brothers help try find Wishbone?	Burl drove Charlie and Howard into town to search parking lots and dumpsters. Dwight and Lenny made Lost Dog signs and nailed them on phone poles and fences.	135
What word did Howard use to describe Charlie when they were looking for Wishbone?	forlorn	137
What kind of tattoo did Scrappy get in jail?	A blackbird in a cage on the back of his hand.	137
What happened between Jackie and Arlo?	Arlo wrecked his car and Carol Lee saw him at the mall with Darla Jacobs.	137
What did Bertha read in the newspaper about a dog?	It fell out of the back of a van in North Caroline and found his way back home 400 miles to Indiana.	139
What did Charlie consider changing her wish to?	Wishing for her dog to come back.	139
Where did they find Wishbone?	In front of Gus and Bertha's house.	142
What did Wishbone have for dinner every night for a week?	liverwurst and scrambled eggs	143

What happened when Gus's dog, Skeeter, fell into the river when they were fishing?	His brother jumped in after him and flipped the boat over.	143
What did Gus's sister used to do to Skeeter?	Dress him up in her girl scout uniform.	143
What games did Howard and Charlie play at the kitchen table?	Parcheesi and Monopoly Put a tarp in the bed of his pickup truck and filled it with water.	143 & 213
How did Mr. Odom make a swimming pool?	swimming lessons	145
What kind of lessons did Charlie take in Raleigh?	he knew his wish wouldn't ever come true.	145
Why didn't Howard want to make a wish?	Stuck it into the dirt, closed her eyes, and made a wish.	148
What did Charlie do with the blackbird feather?	canning jars	148
What things were taking up room in Charlie's room?	boil them	150
What do people do with peanuts in North Carolina?	The Tweetsie Railroad	150
What is in the town of Blowing Rock?	A Mile High Swinging Bridge	152
What was on Grandfather Mountain?	Bus #94	152
What bus did Jackie take from Raleigh to the bus station in Asheville?	fry chicken and sew a zipper on a skirt	152
What was Bertha going to teach Jackie to do?	For a play she was in at Carol Lee's church	152
Why did Jackie need to shop for a football jersey?	Her super-secret recipe for squash casserole with cream of mushroom soup	152
What recipe was Bertha going to share with Jackie?	Gus's grandfather	155
Who build Gus and Bertha's house?	A friendship bracelet	155
What did Jackie buy for Charlie with her allowance money?		

What did Jackie do for Charlie on her birthday?	Made cupcakes for her to take to school	155
Why did Jackie think Charlie was lucky at Gus and Bertha's?	She had her own room she didn't have to share.	157
Where did Bertha and Gus first meet?	On Highway 14 when Bertha's dad's car got a flat tire and Gus fixed it.	157
What card game did Jackie and Charlie play?	Crazy Eights	157
What kind of champion was Scooter, Jackie's new boyfriend?	Paintball champion of Wake County	160
Who did Scooter, Jackie's new boyfriend, want to fix Carol Lee with?	His cousin in the Marines	160
What do you call a cow that eat's your grass?	A lawn-mooer	160
What do frogs order in restaurants?	french flies	160
What did Jackie used to do in bed with Charlie when their parents were fighting and yelling?	Sing in her ear so Charlie couldn't hear.	160
What did Jackie chat with the mailman about?	high school football	162
What did Jackie take to Bertha's knitting club?	cold fried chicken	162
What did Jackie sell from a vegetable stand at the end of the driveway?	beans and squash	162
What did an old lady once drive to the Waffle House in?	A chauffeur-driven lim	162
How much tip did the chauffeur-driven lady leave to Jackie at the Waffle House?	twenty dollars	162
What did Jackie and the other waitresses call the Waffle House?	The Awful House	162
What did Scrappy tell Jackie he was going to do when he got out of jail?	Eat about fourteen hamburgers	164

What parade did Jackie march as a majorette in 10th grade when it was raining?	The Memorial Day Parade	164
What did Jackie's friend, Loretta, do for work?	The night shift at the truck stop on the interstate	164
What was the name of Jackie's friend who flunked out of beauty school after 3 weeks and married a rich guy, but then ran off to Atlanta with his brother?	Denise	168
Why did Charlie push Dwight out of the way after they ate a chicken dinner?	She felt like she had to be the one to make a wish on it.	170
How many Bible bucks did Howard give to Dwight if he would let Charlie pull the wishbone with Cotton?	five	172
What is supposed to make your wish come true when you pull a wishbone?	If you get the big side	172
What did Jackie say she would give everyone for free if they came into the Waffle House?	chocolate chip waffles	175
What did Jackie say when Charlie asked to come back to Raleigh with her?	Nothing's gonna change. Scrappy is gonna keep being Scrappy and Mama is gonna keep being Mama.	177
How old was Jackie when their mom abandoned them?	seven	177
Why didn't Jackie tell Charlie their mom abandoned them?	She didn't want her to hate her.	177
Did Jackie hate their mother?	No, but she didn't like her very much.	177
Who was Jackie planning to get an apartment with?	Wylene Jarvis	177
What did Charlie do during summer at church?	Vacation Bible School	181

What did Charlie say when Jackie gave her the lunch box covered with ponies and rainbows for Vacation Bible School?	I can't take that!	181
Who was the Vacation Bible School counselor?	Miss Rhonda	181
What three things did Charlie say about herself at Vacation Bible School?	I have a dog named Wishbone, my sister works at the Waffle House, and my aunt Bertha has seven cats.	181
What happened when Burl wrote a letter to Jackie?	Lenny grabbed it, they got in a fight, and broke a lamp, it got ripped, and they got grounded.	183
What happened to Dwight at baseball camp?	He broke his pinkie finger.	183
What did Charlie do with the note that came out of Audrey's lunchbox?	Put her foot on it and then took it.	183
What did the note in Audrey's lunch box say?	"Have fun at Vacation Bible School. I will be missing you. I love you very much. Mama"	185
How many rows on Charlie's corn on the cob did it have that she made a wish on?	fourteen	185
What did Charlie write on a piece of paper to put into her lunch box?	I love you very much. Mama	185
What did Audrey say when Charlie said her mom came to visit and writes notes to her?	"You're not supposed to lie at Vacation Bible School"	188
Who followed Howard at church and made fun of him by walking up and down?	T.J. Rainey	190
What did Charlie do to T.J. Rainey?	She ran at him and pushed him down.	190
What did Bertha say to Charlie after she got in the fight with T.J. Rainey?	You are a good friend to Howard, Charlie.	192

What happened to Carla (Charlie's mom/Bertha's sister) when they were at a lake one summer?	She fell off the dock into the water, but then came up and floated on her back.	195
Who jumped in the water to save Carla and ruined his new wristwatch?	Bertha's uncle Jarod	195
What did Carla do to Bertha's blouses when they were young?	She snipped all the buttons off them.	195
What did Charlie draw on the back of her hand?	A blackbird in a cage	197
What was Howard's first wish that came true?	He wished that he and Charlie were friends.	199
What was one blessing Bertha and Gus always wanted but didn't get?	Children	202
What did Fulton Banner, a crazy old man who lived next door in Raleigh, tell Charlie to wish on?	A yellow railroad car.	204
What did Mrs. Odom teach Charlie to do?	Crotchet	207
What did Charlie make for Bertha?	A scarf	207
Who did Carol Lee's parents dislike?	Jackie's new boyfriend, Jake, who drove a motorcycle.	207
Why did the social services lady come to Gus and Bertha's house?	To say things had improved in Raleigh and that Charlie was going back because it was better for children to live with their real parent.	207-209
What did Bertha promise to Charlie?	She would make things right for her.	209
What did Charlie's mom do when Charlie told her that Scrappy got a tattoo of a blackbird in a cage on the back of his hand?	She hung up on her.	211
What had Charlie missed while she was busy making all her wishes?	How things really were...that she was better off with Gus and Bertha.	213-214

Where did Charlie's mom (Carla) tell Bertha on the phone she was going?	Chattanooga	216
Which cat rubbed her head on Wishbone's leg?	Lula Mae	220
What was the second part of Howard's wish that came true?	Charlie ended up staying in Colby with Gus and Bertha	224
When Bertha called out, "Star! First star! Everybody make a wish!" what did Charlie do?	Closed her eyes and breathed because her wish had finally come true.	227