

Chapter 1 : - Samantha's Blue Bicycle (American Girls Short Stories) by Valerie Tripp

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Agnes and Agatha Pitt Story Summary Samantha excitedly announces the arrival of Gardner and Cornelia, who are making their first visit since they have returned from their honeymoon. Samantha wants the visit to be perfect, so that her uncle and new aunt will visit often; she does not want to be left out. Gard jokes that Samantha still only has two feet--which is good, because she otherwise would have a hard time using her present. He then pulls the canvas tarp off the back of his car to reveals three new bicycles, explaining he got them in England and they are the latest models. Gard says that the best part is that they will leave the bikes in Mount Bedford, where the three of them can bike together. Samantha is too happy to speak at the idea of the three of them doing things together. Gard rolls forward a blue bicycle to her, as it is hers. Samantha thanks him, then asks Grandmary if she can keep it. Samantha practices riding with Gardner. Grandmary starts off that in her day, bicycles were only ridden by women in circuses wearing tights, and that later women were riding everywhere in the streets--some wearing hideous puffy trousers bloomers that earned them the nickname "Bloomer Girls". She considered it most unladylike. She then tells Samantha that since she clearly has her heart set on riding, so she can keep the bike as long as she promises to be careful. Samantha promises and Gard encourages her to get on. Gard pushes off and she starts pedaling with Gard holding her steady. She struggles to keep the front tire steady and tries to keep smiling but is quite nervous, scared she may fall over. Gard asks Samantha if she is ready to have him let go, and she gulps before saying yes wanting to impress them by being a quick learner. Gard lets go and she makes a slow, shaky circle on the driveway. Gard and Cornelia clap when she finishes; Cornelia praises her on getting the hang of it so quickly. Gard suggests they go to the park as there are a lot of paths there and she can do more than go in circles. Samantha, unsure of going to the park but wanting to be plucky, says they should go. The park is crowded with cyclists enjoying the sunny day. Samantha thinks they are going quite fast, as if the breeze is pushing them along. Grandmary, who is on a park bench, warns not to go to fast. Gardner asks Samantha to go first as they head to the path around the lake; he and Cornelia will follow. Samantha, feeling awkward, mounts her bicycle. Samantha pedals slowly to concentrate on not falling. She suddenly feels a tug and sees that her skirt has caught in the bike chain. She tries to free it but Uncle Gard shouts for her to watch out. Samantha looks up to see a cyclist heading towards her at top speed. She swerves hard to the right in a panic and bounces off the path and out of control. She shrieks for help and tries to steer, but crashes into a huge rock and she and the bicycle tumble together into the muddy water at the edge of the lake. Samantha crashes at the park. Samantha nods, even though she is fighting tears--she has twisted her ankle, torn her stockings, and scraped up her hand, and her new pinafore is smeared with mud, grease, and grass stains. She has to rip her skirt away from the chain as it is badly twisted. Gardner says that Samantha is okay as helps her to her feet. Grandmary says Samantha calling her a "poor child" has had enough foolishness for the day and that they are going home--right now. Cornelia looks very stubborn at Grandmary calling Samantha a poor child and asks Samantha if she wants to go home. Samantha wants to go home badly, hating the idea of getting back on the bicycle. She hates disappointing Cornelia and Gard more, though, and tries to think of what to say as she wipes her hands on her pinafore. Gardner suggests she get back on the horse that threw her. Grandmary accepts this, but looks a little surprised. Samantha wishes she could tell Grandmary how scared she is, but is too ashamed. The next week Samantha walks by the carriage house and looks away each time thinking about the bicycle sitting there unused. The fall has scared her badly. She wishes that she had broken something, or that the bicycle had been wrecked, or that many other things would happen to excuse her from riding the dreadful bicycle again. On Saturday Gardner calls and, speaking to Samantha, says that he and Cornelia will be coming up next weekend with Agatha and Agnes who have become excellent cyclists. They can all ride together and have a picnic which will be fun. After the call, she stands next to it miserably. She pictures herself stuck on the porch with Grandmary while the others go off cycling without her. Desperately she goes out to the carriage house and wheels her bike out,

climbing on nervously. She takes deep breath and pushes off. The front tire wobbles, her skirt once again gets caught in the chain, and she crashes on the driveway. Grandmary comes out of the house and kneels next to Samantha, holding her while she cries before asking if she all right. Samantha confesses that she hates the bike and that she is scared to ride because her skirts get tangled every time and she loses control and falls. Grandmary says Samantha just tried again though, as she saw her. Grandmary finishes that then they would be left out of their lives, to which Samantha nods. Grandmary offers to help Samantha. She asks if Samantha thinks she can do it, and Samantha takes a deep breath and says she really wants to try. Grandmary says they will do something On the next Saturday, it is a bright and beautiful day--just the day for a ride, Gard exclaims as he helps Cornelia, Agnes, and Agatha out of the car. Grandmary comes down the stairs to greet them, and Samantha opens her window to call to everyone. She runs outside, and the others gasp. Agnes is the first to point out that Samantha is wearing bloomers! She demonstrates how good she is by getting on her bike and riding in a large circle without a single wobble. Cornelia says that Grandmary astonishes her. Samantha encourages everyone to go and leads the way down the driveway, turning around and waving to Grandmary before heading down the road. Gardner calls out to Samantha--she needs to wait for the rest of them! Meet The Author Valerie recalls a time when she was scared of bikes, having crashed into a rock; she felt left behind and used training wheels to get over her fear. Bicycling in Discusses the history of bikes up to the turn of the century. How the safety bike, with its enclosed chains and lower wheels, allowed women and girls to begin to ride, and the invention of the coaster brake. How bikes helped to liberate women, and some of the controversy it caused. Start a Bicycle Club Suggests tips on starting a bicycle club, safety tips while biking, and games to play:

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