

homesick

1. A Place Called “Home”



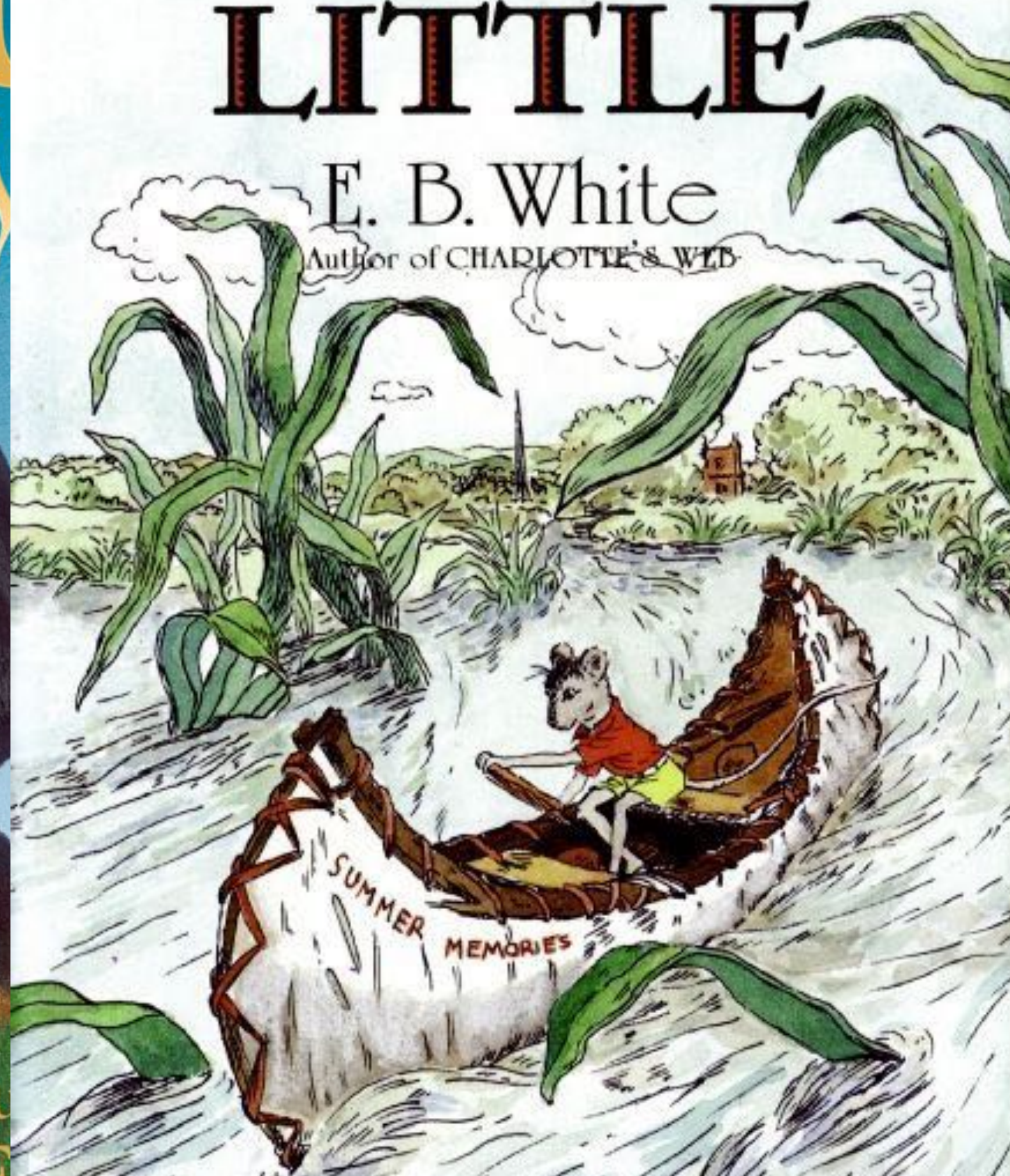
The Lost Puppy



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Lost in the Snow



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“As he peered ahead into the great land that stretched before him, the way seemed long. But the sky was bright, and he somehow felt he was headed in the right direction.”

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hiraeth:

a homesickness for a home to which you cannot return, a home which maybe never was; the nostalgia, the yearning, the grief for the lost places of your past.



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Melissa Cox

I am homesick for a place I
am not sure even exists.
One where my heart is full.
My body loved. And my soul
understood.



In an unpredictable world where
so much of life feels rootless, we
long for a place where we can put
down roots—a place we can truly
call home.

In his love, God longs to
make a home for us.





Genesis 1:29-31

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the



Genesis 1:29-31

ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.



Adam and his wife were both naked, and
they felt no shame.


Genesis 2:25

The longing for home is
the longing to be fully
known and yet fully
accepted.



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This sense of being at home is important to everyone's well-being. If you do not get enough of it, your happiness, resilience, energy, humor, and courage will decrease ... Being at home feels safe; you have a sense of relief whenever you come home and close the door behind you ... Home is the one place in the world



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... where you belong ... Coming home is your major restorative in life. These are formidably good things, which you cannot get merely by finding true love or getting married or having children or landing the best job in the world—or even by moving into the house of your dreams.



Genesis 3:8-13

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”



Genesis 3:8-13

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”



Genesis 3:8-13

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



Sandra Tsing Loh

Day by day in our frenetic, chaotic modern homes, how many of us become inexplicably unglued, suddenly losing our equilibrium in a disproportionate vale of anguish, as we open our refrigerator door (and what is that moisture our left foot is in—is it a puddle from the malfunctioning ice maker?) and confront the spillage from the leaking Ziploc bag or the microwave-deformed GladWare that forever will not close. On the one hand, these are a simple technical malfunction;



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on the other, they are another small but precise omen pointing to a world without the deep domestic comforts—and care, and arts—not of our mothers (many of whom were in a transitional leaving-home-to-go-to-work generation) but of our grandmothers, who still ruled the home with absolute power. No one is taking care of us! No one! And that is no small thing.



The LORD God made garments of skin for
Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21

The first steps of every journey in search of home begins with God's healing and restoring mercy.



God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will
I forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5

