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Foreword

This is a story about water and what it means in the lives of people, here in this country and all over the world. In the past, the abundance or scarcity of fresh water has changed the lives of whole peoples, and sometimes even the course of history. This can happen today.

Though most of the earth is covered with oceans full of water, there is not much about oceans in this book. We are concerned only with "usable" water, and that means water we can drink and wash with and use to grow our food and help run our industries. We have not been able so far to use the oceans for these purposes, to any extent.

Some of the people in this book are imaginary, but the circumstances that affect them are real. Others are real people whom you might meet on the street or along a country road, any day.

Most of us take water for granted. We are sure we will always have enough. It is one purpose of this book to make you just a little less sure about this, to help you to think about the meaning of water for the people of the world.

E. S. H.

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