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## Poetry.

### OPEN THE DOOR.

Open the door, let in the air!  
The winds are sweet and the flowers  
are in bloom in the world to-day;  
If our door is wide it may come this way.

### Open the door!

Open the door, let in the sun!  
He brings a smile for every one.  
His gentle rays of radiance gold  
and blue, the rainbow's gold and blue.

### Open the door!

Open the door, let in the wind!  
He brings a song for every one.  
His strong pure thoughts which  
blow us on, and blow us on with grace.

### Open the door!

Open the door, let in the heart!  
It brings a love for every one.  
It will make the walls of the heart  
to feel the love that's in the heart.

### Open the door!

Open the door, let in the soul!  
It brings a peace for every one.  
That angels may enter unawares.

—British Weekly.

### Select Family Reading

## Hephzibah

By Charlotte Sedgwick.

There were four girls in the old Drew household, there where the prim village street meets the carousal country road with a gentle inclination, four girls and not one boy.

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living. And then it was Virginia's turn.

But Virginia tilted her classic nose at boarding-school, and shrugged her graceful shoulders at colleges. She must study art. So her father sent her away to a school of design. He really could not have it in his conscience to let her paint pictures, he said; there were too many poor ones in the world already.

Virginia had taken and she worked hard. The promised two years stretched to three, and then to four. She won several prizes and sold an occasional design. Finally, with three other girls she opened a studio, while the doctor's clerk helped to support.

In the meantime Katherine had married, with much fuss and flourish; Polly had gone away to college, and Hephzibah, with her skirts jet down and her hair letted up, was tugging through high school. Katherine and Virginia had finished the high school course in the prescribed four years, phenomenal Polly in three years, but Hephzibah needed five.

Lily Belle was slow. Yet somehow, to the tired doctor, there was something wonderfully sweet and satisfying about this youngest and quietest of his daughters. "Bless her dear eyes, she's real!" he exclaimed once.

That her sisters should be Katherine and Virginia and Pauline, while she was plain Hephzibah, had never, until her first day at school, stirred the faintest question in the mind of Hephzibah Drew. And if it had, she would have answered it as she answered the fact Katherine's hair was yellow and curly while her own locks were pale and straight. One's name belonged, that was all.

But that first morning in school, long ago, she opened up upon her faith in the necessity of things as they are. She came patting home with questioning in her soul, and on her face the look of tears deferred. Her mother was asleep in a hammock at the end of the long veranda, but Hephzibah was not looking for her mother. To the Drew children a mother was a frail, beautiful being, to be loved, admired and waited on, but never to be bothered. So she crossed the veranda on tiptoe and, down the hall to her father's office, she went.

Her father sat at his desk writing. "Well, chicken, how did school go?" he greeted her.

She brushed the question aside. When tears are coming, words should be used sparingly; they strain the throat. "I must come with her to the minister's while she got another name. Hephzibah was a funny name. They had laughed, and—the foolgates brook."

But Scott? The doctor muttered, gathering the quivering little form up into his arms. "See here, baby, don't you know that the nice names in the world are those that belong to the nice people?" He carried her across the hall into the study. "You name is beautiful to me because it belonged to a beautiful woman once-upon-a-time in the picture, you know."

Hephzibah knew. She loved that portrait of Grandmother Drew above the fireplace. She always "ohned" it when the doctor was playing the little game, and she meant to have curls like that when she grew up, with a blue ribbon twisted in them, just like that.

"I wish you'd let me help you," Polly pleaded. "Square root is fun when you know how."

Hephzibah shook her head. "Thank you, Polly, but I must get this one alone, Miss Thorne said."

"I'd rather go to boarding-school," Katherine returned to the subject. "College girls are frumps." She was examining her dainty finger-nails with approval.

"Boarding-schools are silly," Virginia began. "I—"

"I decide to be the seat of war!" Doctor Drew exclaimed, suddenly ringing to the full measure of his six feet and scattering girls in confusion.

"Right it out, ladies. I'm going to form an alliance with a respectable power," he dropped down on the sofa beside his wife.

Mrs. Drew smiled at Katherine. "I don't exactly know what frumps are, honey," she said, "but I reckon Polly's right; they are born not made."

But pretty Katherine shook her head. "I'd rather have one year of a perfectly stunning boarding-school than four years of college in the country, she maintained.

"Better fifty years of Europe than one year of Ontario," the doctor grinned.

"All right, Lady Kate, only I will choose your 'perfectly stunning' school, if you don't mind my saying so."

Katherine was to finish her high-school course in June, and during the rest of the winter her father read much boarding-school literature. At last he decided on a school which seemed to realize both his own and his oldest daughter's somewhat different ideals.

Of course it was expensive. Things that suited Katherine's tastes were found to be expensive.

The doctor signed a little as he realized what the demand upon his purse would be. He had a large practice, but it took a great deal of money just to keep things going, with the big place, the horses, the servants, and the doctor's sign, a little as he realized what the demand upon his purse would be. He had a large practice, but it took a great deal of money just to keep things going, with the big place, the horses, the servants, and the doctor's sign,