

Travels of Peter Rabbit



Vacations with Grandma and Granddad

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Peter Rabbit

You have probably heard that Peter Rabbit lives with his mother and three sisters in a field on Mr McGregor's farm. That's true, and he certainly has had many adventures there.

However, sometimes Peter Rabbit will leave the farm for a while and spend some time with other people. This year he did just that and spent some time with Sammy's Grandma and Granddad as they went to a number of places in other parts of North America.

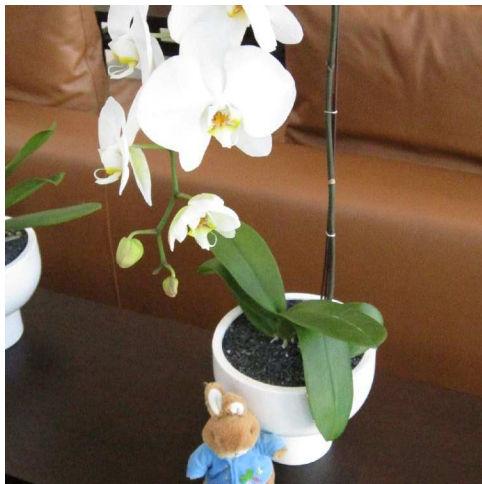
This is the story of those travels and some of the things that they saw.

Chapter 1: British Columbia

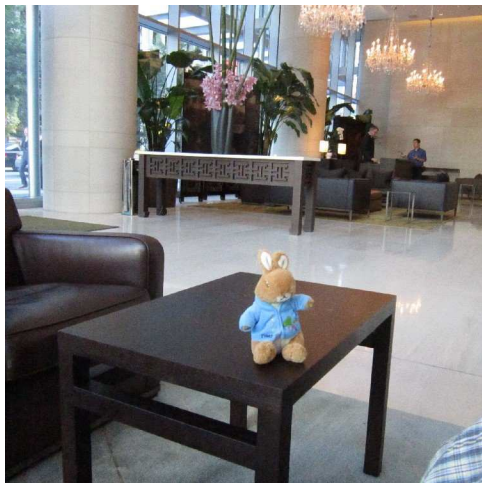
The first trip that they took together was to a small part of Canada, called British Columbia. Sammy and her Mommy and Daddy had already visited one of the towns, Vancouver, when they had been to the Olympic Winter Games when Sammy was only one year old. However, this was Peter's first visit.



Here is Peter Rabbit sitting with Grandma in the hotel where they stayed. It was called the Shangri-La Hotel; do you think that is a funny name?



The Shangri-La is actually a very nice hotel and has a beautiful lobby with lots of nice lights and flowers. Peter found an orchid flower to sit next to. Sammy's Mommy likes orchids very much.



Peter also sat on one of the tables, which is a little naughty and something that Sammy wouldn't do.



The first place that Peter visited in Vancouver was called Chinatown and this is a picture of Peter Rabbit at the very colorful gates of the town.



Grandma also found a very old clock in Vancouver and she let Peter rabbit sit on it for a minute. Can you see what time it was? Was it almost lunchtime?



One of the things everyone enjoyed in Vancouver was a bus ride around the city. This let everyone see much more of the town without getting too tired walking.

Most of the time, everyone sat quietly in their seats but once Peter Rabbit jumped onto the top of the seat in front.

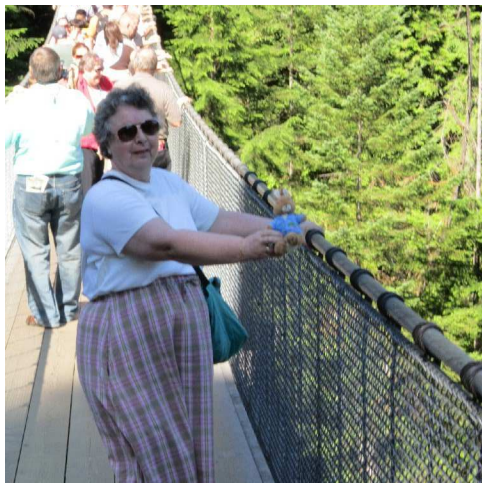
Grandma spoke to him sternly and soon made him sit back in his proper seat. Naughty Peter Rabbit again! Is it just boys that are naughty?



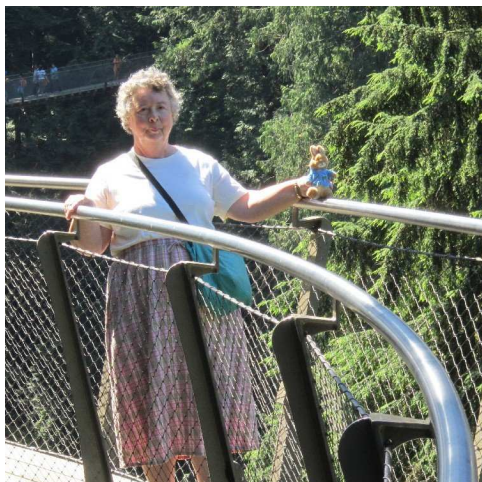
Have you ever seen a totem pole? Do you know who made them, and why? They were carved from big trees by Native Americans and meant many different things to the people who made them.



They also make very nice places for small animals to sit and show just how big they are.



Another place that Peter Rabbit visited in Vancouver was a little bit scary. First, everyone had to walk across a very high, swinging bridge that crossed a river far below. That was bad enough - but then they went on a narrow walkway that was attached to a rock wall. Again, the river valley was a long way down.



Do you think that Grandma and Peter looked a little bit nervous?

Granddad was - and he was just taking the pictures!

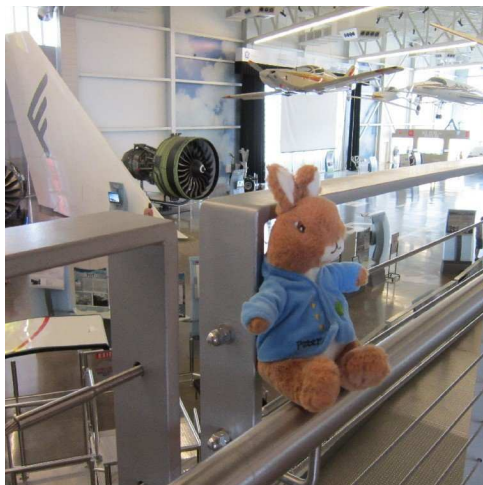
The last place visited in British Columbia was a beautiful garden near the town of Victoria. Sammy's Mommy and Daddy may have been there a long time ago before Sammy was born. It is called Butchart Gardens.

There were hundreds of flowers and trees and long paths and it got quite tiring walking through the gardens. So, Peter Rabbit found a little hedge in a rose garden and sat down for a rest.

Do you think that Peter Rabbit is as pretty as the flowers?



That was the end of the visit to Vancouver and Victoria and it was time to catch a ferry boat to the next stop - Seattle in Washington State.



Chapter 2: **Washington and** **Oregon**

In Seattle, Washington, they make some of the biggest airplanes in the world - the kind that Sammy has been on when she flew to England.

Peter Rabbit was able to visit the place where they make these huge airplanes and watch as all the pieces were fitted together.

One of the things that Granddad enjoyed was seeing a big engine that he had helped to make when he was working. So, Peter Rabbit had his picture taken with that engine.

It looks as though Peter is bigger than the engine just behind his head but really the engine is MUCH bigger. It is even bigger than Granddad.



Washington has some very high mountains and many have snow on top of them all the year round. Grandma and Peter Rabbit went to the top of one mountain to see the green fields and the snow. they also saw a family of deer who lived at the top of this mountain.



This picture was taken when Peter Rabbit went to sit next to Uncle Geoffrey who was busy looking across to the distant mountains. Peter wondered if he could get a drink of the orange juice without Uncle Geoffrey noticing!



Some mountains are called volcanoes, which means that they sometimes throw huge amounts of ash and rocks up into the air as they get very, very hot.

In the picture at the left you may just be able to see Mount Saint



Helens behind Peter Rabbit. This mountain "blew its top" not too many years after Sammy's Mommy and Daddy were born.

In the middle picture, Peter is sitting on some rocks that were about half way



up a very big mountain called Mount Hood in Oregon State. Can you see the snow near the top?

In the picture on the right, Peter is sitting on some of the rocks thrown from a volcano, called lava.

Both Washington and Oregon States have some very big rivers and lakes, as well as big mountains.

Peter Rabbit sat on a wall in front of the Columbia River which actually runs between the two states and is very wide.

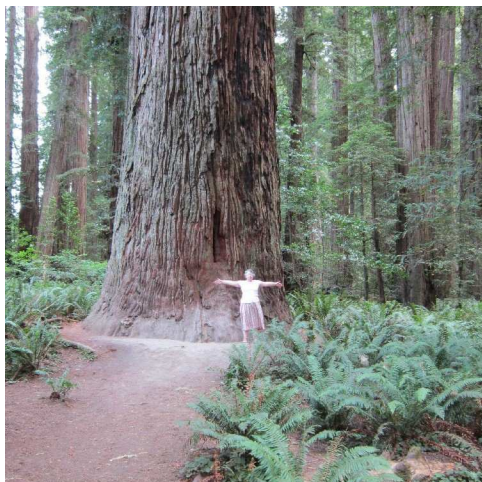
Oregon has one of the largest lakes in America and it was formed when another volcano "blew up" and left a big hole where the top of the mountain had been. This filled with water and became Crater Lake, which is behind Grandma and Peter in the bottom picture. Isn't it blue?





Chapter 3: California

Of course, Sammy knows California because that is where she lives! And she has certainly seen the Pacific Ocean that is behind Peter Rabbit as he sits on the picnic table, getting cold. Why wouldn't he put a coat on? Boys!



But has Sammy seen the very, very, very big trees that are also in California? Just look how much bigger than Grandma the tree is. How many grandmas would it take to stretch around the tree? Three? Five? Ten? More?



California, too, has some big mountains. This one is in Lassen Volcanic State Park and Peter Rabbit got to see it from Granddad's shoulder as well as from the top of the car!



Do you think this is the first picture we have seen of Granddad on this trip?

How many have we seen of Grandma? And how many of Peter Rabbit?



California also has lots of nice houses and other buildings. Peter Rabbit sat on the gatepost of this very big house in Eureka. Do you think it looks a little like a Disneyland castle?



Sammy certainly has seen this building in Sacramento because it is near where her Mommy works. Yes, it is the California State Capitol. Peter Rabbit looks very small even next to the flowers and much smaller than the Capitol.



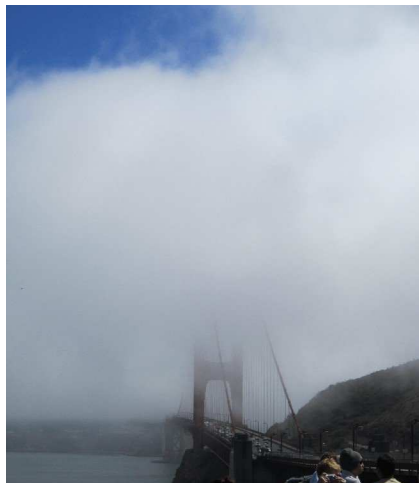
But this is the house that Sammy knows best because it is HER house. She loves to swim in the pool and play with all the water toys. She also likes to push Daddy into the waterfall.

Now how do you suppose that Peter Rabbit came to visit Sammy's house - especially without her knowing about it? Do you think that Grandma brought Peter in her handbag or hidden in a towel? Maybe we will never know.....

After leaving Sammy in Sacramento, Peter Rabbit went on to San Francisco.

On the way, they crossed the Golden Gate Bridge. This is a very beautiful bridge but it is often covered in fog from the ocean. This is exactly how it was on the day that Peter Rabbit visited. Only a little bit of the bridge could be seen in the thick clouds.

Peter thought that it might be fun to hide from Grandma and Granddad in all that fog.



"Where did Peter go?" said Grandma.

Do you think that he is hidden in this picture?



Well, obviously he wasn't hidden for long because here he is sitting at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

Can you see all the people looking at the animals on the piers in the water? Some people thought they were seals and others said

they were sea lions. Which do you think they were? That's right: they are sea lions.

So, this trip ended in San Francisco and Peter Rabbit went home with Grandma and Granddad.

But there were more trips to come.

Would you like to see more books about the vacations of Peter Rabbit? Just ask Grandma and Granddad if you would!



