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Chapter 1
Granny Knit

Robbie MacGregor lived in a tiny, windy, sunny village by the sea.

If you live in a big town, you may be surprised to know that there are whole villages, like Robbie's, that have just three shops, one school and one police station.

The police in Robbie's village spent most of their time playing tiddlywinks, because there were not many crimes to solve in the village. Robbie's mum said that this made the village a very charming place to live.



At one end of the village there was the Big House. It was so big that when Robbie was small he thought the king must live there. But there wasn't a king of the village and most people, like Robbie and his family, lived in cosy houses with stoves that burned peat. Peat, by the way, is a fuel – and not a funny spelling of Pete. It would not be charming to burn a person in the stove.

Robbie's family was his Granny Knit, his mum Effie, his dad Hector and a cat, Annie-Kit. Effie worked in the craft shop and Hector fished from dawn to dusk and then read the newspaper.

Robbie's granny was called Granny Knit because she liked to knit. She knitted egg cosies and hot water bottle covers and bed socks and blankets and pictures and even curtains.

