

## Two Days in May

Early one Saturday morning in May, I went to our fire escape window and rubbed the sleep from my eyes. I looked down at the small garden I had planted behind our apartment building. Five animals were grazing on the new lettuce in my garden!	11 22 33 44 45
“Mama! Mama!” I called. “Come see what’s in our yard!”	55
Mama hurried over to the window and gasped. Sonia, those animals are deer, but how did they get here?” she asked. “I’ll run and tell the landlord.”	64 75 82
By the time Papa and I got out to the courtyard, a small crowd was gathering.	95 98
“Papa, why are there deer in the city?” I asked.	108
“The deer may have come all this way looking for food. They probably smelled your garden,” he explained.	119 126
I thought I had never seen such an amazing sight. Their fur was a golden brown, and they balanced on tiny hooves. They had nervous tails, and eyes that were big and black and gentle.	136 147 158 161
Down the block a train rumbled by, but here life seemed to stand still. Pigeons and squirrels were almost the only birds or animals we ever saw in our neighborhood.	171 181 191
Looking around I recognized many neighbors. I noticed that even neighbors who were almost strangers were standing close to each other and whispering in a friendly way.	199 207 218