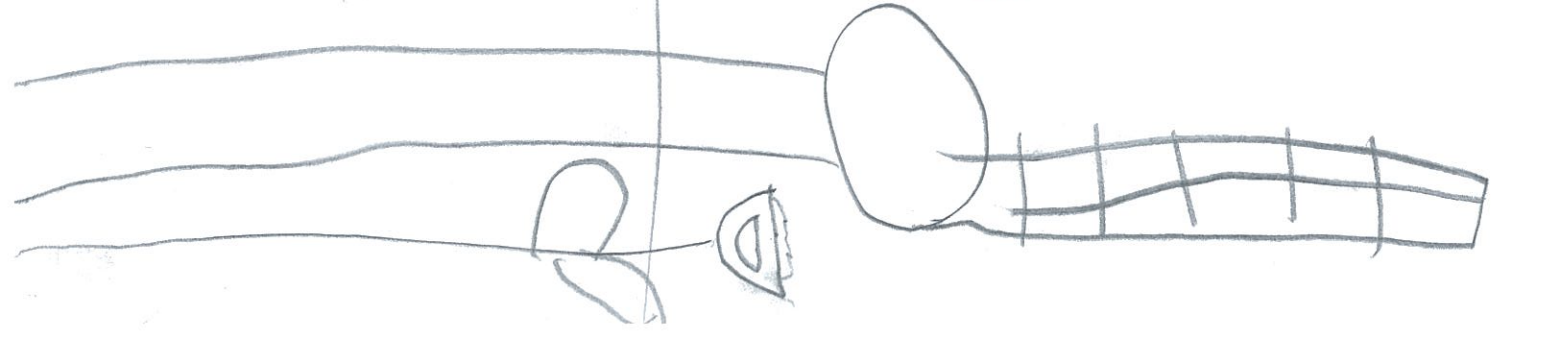




This is the garden party with the Back garden of flowers



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# **The Lost Flower Children**

## **By Janet Taylor Lisle**

Reviewed by Dominique , age 7

The main characters are sisters Nellie age 5 and Olivia age 9. Also Aunt Minty and Pop.

The setting is mainly at Aunt Minty's house.

The conflict in the story is that Nellie and Olivia need to go to Aunt Minty's because their mother died and their father is working out of town. But they don't want to go to Aunt Minty's house because they're afraid that Aunt Minty won't know their ways and that Nellie will have fits. Also Nellie and Olivia feel abandoned by their father because he put them at Aunt Minty's house where they don't want to be. And they miss their mother so it made it even worse.

One day they go out to the garden and find a teacup. Olivia finds a book called The Lost Flower Children. And in it there is a picture of 8 blue cups and a teapot. And the story is about a garden and in it are 8 cups and a teapot. Nellie finds another teacup, and that is why Nellie thinks that the story is true and makes her even more determined about finding all the cups. All this is about what Nellie thinks, which is that finding all 8 cups and the teapot will break a magic spell which will make the lost flower children come back to life.

At the end they learn to get along fairly well with Aunt Minty.

I like the story because I think that Nellie was funny when she didn't want more than two identifiable things in her food, always walked downstairs backwards, and had twenty-three animals in bed with her.

I also liked how Nellie and Olivia's feelings were really realistic. I thought they were realistic in the way that Nellie was worried that Olivia would make new friends and not play with her, and that Olivia wanted to make new friends but couldn't because Nellie would want to play with Olivia. I thought the part where Nellie threw rocks at Olivia and Jill was pretty realistic (for a five year old). I also liked the friendship between Nellie and Olivia after Nellie threw the rocks.

I liked the part best where the kids came to the garden party. I liked the picnic, the people doing summersaults, that Nellie played with somebody without screaming and didn't tag around Olivia.

I highly recommend this book, especially for girls aged 7 to 9 because it is a story that has a good friendship between sisters.