

# Thimble Summer

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When Garnet finds a silver thimble in the sand by the river, she is sure it's magical. But is it magical enough to help her pig, Timmy, win a blue ribbon on Fair Day?

Garnet found a silver thimble in the sand by the river and she was sure it had magic, for the summer had proved exciting and interesting in so many different ways. There was the coming of Eric, an orphan and such a nice addition to the family; the building of a new barn with money loaned by the government; and the fair at which Garnet's carefully tended pig won a blue ribbon and three dollars and a half! Every day brought pleasure of some kind to Garnet of the flying pigtails, for she was bursting with energy and good spirits and she loved the outdoors and growing things.

\*"This story of a Wisconsin farm sings with the happiness and contentment of a small girl whose roots are sinking deep into the soil of a loved place." -- Library Journal, starred review

"Sprung spontaneously from the author's own happy experience of life on a Middle Western farm, this is a story of the sort for which there is a constant demand: one of everyday life among contemporary children. ... There is the flavor of real life... expressed with charm and humor." -- The New York Times Book Review

"Garnet... is resourceful and full of gaiety.... [Her] joy in living as she watches the great blue heron at the water's edge as the day closes has to be expressed in handspring after handspring down the pasture."

-- The Horn Book  
Read by Joan Allen  
Approx. 4 hours  
3 cassettes

A few hours after nine-year-old Garnet linden finds a silver thimble in the dried-up riverbed, the rains come and end the long drought on the farm. The rains bring safety for the crops and the livestock and money for Garnet's father. The summer proves to be interesting and exciting in so many different ways. Every day brings adventure of some kind to Garnet and her best friend, Citronella. As far as Garnet is concerned, the thimble is responsible for each good thing that happens during this magic summer--her thimble summer.

Joan Allen has been nominated for an Academy Award three times for her roles in Nixon, The Crucible and most recently The Contender. She has also appeared in a number of other films such as The Ice Storm, Face-Off, and Searching for Bobby Fischer.

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