



WELCOME to the Tycquet twins first adventure story! The Tycquet twins, Tylan and Trina face stormy, tumultuous teen experiences during the summer months that they spend under the protective care of their great-aunt, Aunt Madge. The fact that their parents were working abroad gave the twins a chance to develop their own coping skills and a little independence on their great-aunt's acreage.

“Aunt Madge” became the twin’s caregiver. Teen years hold plenty of parenting dilemmas, but Madge Burton helps the twins. She takes advantage of the difficulties of the summer to teach them important lessons. They wanted to hear what she had to say, for by the end of the summer the twins and their great-aunt established a close and trusting family relationship. This retired teacher promotes compassion and tolerance; models positive social skills by sharing how she handles arguments, hurt feelings and misunderstandings; and helps the twins understand new and confusing events.

As teenagers struggle to become more independent, it is natural for them to bond with peers. Many teenagers are closer to their friends at times than to their families. When, like Tylan, the male twin, admires another teen whose behaviour he thinks is “cool”, he can become distracted from constructive ac-

tivities such as completing chores and respecting speed limits. He is more easily swayed to break rules or try risky behaviours.

The reader gets to see a strong and independent teenager in the female twin. Over the summer, compassionate, honest, fair and self-disciplined Trina further develops her good judgment, her respect for others and a strong sense of responsibility. Despite facing peer mocking, she courageously stands up for her beliefs and maintains her self-respect.

Get to know the twins, their friends and Aunt Madge. Find out how the twins are exposed to new interests and ideas, how farm chores build their characters, how they interact with the animals on the farm, how they handle loss of contact with their parents, how they are able to find diverse friendships and see how one of them handles verbal bullying.