

Word substitutions for *Gathering Blue*,
pages 1-74

Chapter 1

Pg 1 **spirit** – her mother’s soul
Pg 1 **leave-taking** – going away
Pg 1 **Diggers** – people who dig holes in the ground to bury the dead
Pg 2 **sprinkle** – put, spread
Pg 2 **soil** – dirt, earth
Pg 2 **flesh** – skin
Pg 2 **wedged** – stuck
Pg 2 **rituals** – customs, routines
Pg 2 **vast foul-smelling** – large stinky
Pg 2 **Field of Leaving** – where dead people are laid before they are buried
Pg 2 **wisps** – tiny, almost invisible amount
Pg 3 **cindered fragments** – burned bits
Pg 3 **whirl** – float in circles
Pg 3 **shudder** – shiver or feeling
Pg 3 **beasts** – large, scary animals
Pg 3 **propelled** – moved her forward
Pg 3 **summer-start** – spring
Pg 3 **supple** – bendable
Pg 3 **abundant** – plentiful
Pg 4 **his own woman** – his wife
Pg 4 **short-tempered** – easily angered
Pg 4 **tykes** – small children
Pg 4 **tend** – take care of
Pg 5 **shuddered** – shivered (in fear)
Pg 5 **orphan** – a child without parents
Pg 6 **gripped** – held onto
Pg 6 **firm** – strong, not willing to give in
Pg 6 **burden** – difficulty, problem

Pg 7 **crippled** – deformed, twisted
Pg 7 **sturdy/reliable** – strong/dependable
Pg 7 **shed** – barn, building
Pg 7 **say so** – agree
Pg 7 **threading** – embroidery, needle-work
Pg 7 **flattery** – saying nice things about you
Pg 7 **tidy** – clean
Pg 7 **leavings** – leftover pieces of thread
Pg 7 **diminished** – lessened, weakened
Pg 7 **laborer** – worker
Pg 7 **mate** – wife
Pg 7 **fanciful/amuse** – creative/entertain
Pg 8 **diversions** – side jobs, extras
Pg 8 **lingered** – stayed
Pg 8 **skins** – animal skins (used as rugs/blankets)
Pg 8 **limped** – walked unevenly
Pg 8 **clearing** – open area of land
Pg 8 **scampering about** – running around
Pg 8 **Tussling** – gentle wrestling, pretend fighting
Pg 8 **flailing** – waving around
Pg 9 **sidelines** – side (away from the other kids)
Pg 9 **envy** – jealousy, wanting to join them
Pg 9 **clearing underbrush** – cutting weeds
Pg 9 **twigs/bundles** – sticks/packages
Pg 9 **swampy/Fen** – wet/place called Fen
Pg 10 **looked down upon** – disliked
Pg 10 **squinted/ruefully** – closed his eyes almost shut/sadly
Pg 10 **horrid burnt** – badly (horribly) burned
Pg 10 **smearing** – spreading
Pg 10 **structures** – buildings
Pg 11 **well** – deep hole in the ground for water
Pg 11 **cadence of bickering** – sound of arguing

Pg 28 **they were even there** – they were equal in that respect (both had worshipped the object)

Pg 29 **heavy-set** – fat, overweight, large

Pg 29 **volumes** – books

Pg 29 **yearned** – wanted

Pg 29 **inclined** – bowed, tilted, bent

Pg 29 **dispassionately** – without emotion

Pg 29 **unflawed** – without mistakes or errors

Pg 29 **hideous** – ugly

Pg 29 **flaw** – mistake, deformity

Pg 29 **illustrious** – proud

Pg 30 **tolerated** – allowed, but not happily

Pg 30 **tend the domestic beasts** – take care of the animals they raise (like pigs, cows, chickens)

Pg 31 **oozed** – leaked (like dripping blood)

Pg 31 **case** – argument

Pg 31 **swayed/flattery** – persuaded/kind words

Pg 31 **impassive** – not showing any emotion

Pg 31 **cripple** – person with physical challenges

Pg 32 **assess** – evaluate, consider their worth

Pg 32 **hostility** – hatred

Pg 32 **agonized** – struggled with her decision

Pg 33 **sureness** – certainty

Pg 33 **relinquish** – give up, hand over

Chapter 4, pages 35-51

Pg 35 **singled out** – selected, chosen

Pg 35 **elite** – upper class, rich

Pg 35 **thong** – leather string

Pg 36 **meticulously** – very carefully

Pg 36 **rage-laden** – anger-filled

Pg 36 **awe** – wonder, surprise

Pg 37 **volume/bound** – book/held together

Pg 37 **stricken** – struck, slapped

Pg 37 **passage** – part of the text, paragraph

Pg 37 **amendments** – changes (to a document)

Pg 38 **assertion** – confident statement

Pg 38 **accustomed to** – used to

Pg 38 **contempt** – hatred

Pg 38 **taunted** – teased in a hurtful way

Pg 38 **hold her head high** – remain strong

Pg 39 **taken by beasts** – killed by wild animals

Pg 39 **audible** – able to be heard, spoken aloud

Pg 39 **unbidden** – unasked, not thought of

Pg 40 **concede** – agree with

Pg 41 **vain** – too proud of herself

Pg 41 **submit to** – give in to, endure

Pg 41 **humiliating** – embarrassing, shameful

Pg 41 **stakes** – the things she was fighting for

Pg 41 **contemptuous** – belittling, disrespectful

Pg 41 **seared** – continued sharply

Pg 42 **competent** – good, of good quality

Pg 42 **refutes** – disagrees with, negates

Pg 42 **stony-faced** – emotionless, like a stone

Pg 42 **charges** – complaints (against Kira)

Pg 43 **shrill/vindictive** – very high/angry, hateful

Pg 43 **ravenous** – huge, gigantic (but only when referring to hunger)

Pg 43 **outrage** – angry disbelief

Pg 43 **menaced** – bullied, fought

Pg 43 **vied for dropped scraps** – fought for bits of food accidentally dropped on the ground

Pg 44 **with feigned nonchalance** – pretending she didn't care (feigned = pretend, fake; nonchalance = not caring)

Pg 44 **oleander** – a poisonous plant

Pg 44 **till he ate it** – until he ate it

Pg 45 **scamper off** – run away

Pg 46 **reiterated** – repeated

Chapter 6, pages 63-74

Pg 63	governed – ruled	Pg 72	nibbling – eating
Pg 63	resonating – ringing, sounding	Pg 72	greens – plants (like spinach, kale, chard)
Pg 63	iridescent – sparkly	Pg 72	glazed earthen – fine pottery
Pg 63	waddle – move slowly	Pg 73	pendant – necklace ornament
Pg 64	lumpy oblong – bumpy oval shape	Pg 73	thong – string made of leather
Pg 64	grimy and unkempt – dirty	Pg 73	studded with – with little bumps of
Pg 64	haphazardly – randomly	Pg 73	talisman – a charm to prevent evil
Pg 64	iffen – if	Pg 74	blossoms – flowers
Pg 65	sucker/filched – lollipop/stole	Pg 74	inert – motionless, dead
Pg 65	mammoth buggie – large bug	Pg 74	fluttered – moved slightly
Pg 65	appointed/overseer – assigned/guardian	Pg 74	tremble – shiver, shake
Pg 65	twinge/irritation – small feeling/anger	Pg 74	limp – relaxed, without structure
Pg 66	wing – section, part		
Pg 66	inquired – asked		
Pg 66	apologetically – expressing sorrow		
Pg 67	corridor – hallway		
Pg 67	grandeur – glamour, richness		
Pg 67	solemnly/gaze – seriously/look		
Pg 68	wee buggies – little bugs		
Pg 68	pallets – boards		
Pg 68	utensils – useful tools		
Pg 68	mourned – was sad about		
Pg 69	consigned – limited		
Pg 69	glimpse – quick look		
Pg 70	don't be captive – aren't imprisoned		
Pg 70	captive – prisoner		
Pg 70	Familiarize – become familiar, get to know		
Pg 70	retreat/jauntily – go back/happily		
Pg 71	flooding – filling		
Pg 71	globe – ball (the moon, in this case)		
Pg 71	bundled – tied together		
Pg 72	herbs – plants used for medicine		
Pg 72	tubers – root plants		

Word substitutions for *Gathering Blue*, pages 75-110

Chapter 7, pages 75-84

Pg 75 **gleaming** – shining
Pg 75 **hoisted** – lifted
Pg 76 **Mystified** – confused
Pg 76 **tub** – large bowl (like a bathtub)
Pg 76 **rim** – upper edge
Pg 76 **unsanitary** – not clean
Pg 76 **waste** – her poop
Pg 77 **strewn** – thrown
Pg 77 **bother** – inconvenience
Pg 79 **felled** – cut down, toppled over
Pg 79 **intricately** – finely, in detail
Pg 79 **shavings** – thin curls of wood
Pg 80 **disconcerted** – confused
Pg 80 **hollow** – empty on the inside
Pg 80 **quarters** – living area
Pg 81 **resume** – begin again
Pg 81 **lavishly** – richly, ornately
Pg 81 **deft** – competent, skilled
Pg 81 **inadequate** – lacking (in skill)
Pg 83 **intact** – all together, unchanged
Pg 83 **unadorned** – not embroidered, plain
Pg 83 **adequate** – sufficient, enough
Pg 83 **sparse** – limited, small
Pg 83 **dyed** – colored
Pg 83 **hues** – colors
Pg 84 **vain** – big-headed, egotistical
Pg 84 **urgency** – rush
Pg 84 **cord** – thick string
Pg 85 **plead** – beg, ask

Chapter 8, pages 86-96

Pg 86 **flexed** – tightened

Pg 86 **passed for** – looked like
Pg 86 **scrawny** – thin, weak
Pg 86 **wee** – small, weak
Pg 86 **iffen** – if
Pg 87 **Filched this crustie** – stole this bread
Pg 87 **rustling** – noises of movement
Pg 87 **rodent** – rat, mouse
Pg 87 **mischievous** – looking for trouble, sneaky
Pg 87 **pounced** – jumped on
Pg 87 **daddy longlegs** – spider (a type of)
Pg 88 **Nah** – no
Pg 88 **Dunno** – don't know (I don't know)
Pg 88 **gots no pa** – have no father
Pg 88 **scairt** – scared
Pg 88 **temperament/merry** – personality/happy
Pg 88 **shift** – dress
Pg 89 **buttie** – butt
Pg 89 **accustomed to** – used to
Pg 89 **crone** – old woman (Annabella)
Pg 90 **gnarled** – bumpy, twisted
Pg 90 **liken** – look like
Pg 90 **brung/crustie** – bought/bread
Pg 90 **gestured** – motioned with her hand
Pg 91 **strands** – strings (of yarn)
Pg 91 **untouched expanse** – unembroidered area
Pg 91 **Bedstraw/Madder** – plant names
Pg 91 **massed with/blossoms** – full of/flowers
Pg 91 **raised bed** – small flower garden (bed) that is built above the ground (raised)
Pg 91 **Tis/dormant** – It is/not blooming
Pg 92 **shoots** – stems
Pg 92 **lessen** – unless
Pg 92 **transplant** – move
Pg 92 **rounded** – turned around
Pg 93 **nought** – nothing
Pg 93 **pipd** – was heard
Pg 93 **crevice** – crack
Pg 93 **gnawed** – ate

Word substitutions for *Gathering Blue*, pages 111-154

Chapter 10, pages 111-118

Pg 111 **bragging** – boasting
Pg 111 **envied** – wanted to be one of
Pg 111 **jostled** – pushed around
Pg 111 **flaunting and boasting** – being proud
Pg 112 **swagger** – proud walk
Pg 112 **trophy** – prize
Pg 112 **prod/wrenched/grasp** – poker/turned/grip
Pg 112 **brutish** – mean
Pg 112 **coarse quarreling** – rough fighting
Pg 112 **stub** – little bit
Pg 112 **prancing** – dancing around
Pg 112 **scolding** – angry
Pg 113 **Exasperated** – tired and frustrated
Pg 113 **pelt** – skin of an animal
Pg 113 **plastering** – smearing, rubbing
Pg 114 **admirers dispersed** – friends left
Pg 114 **perch** – spot (on Thomas' shoulders)
Pg 114 **wails/whimpers** – cries
Pg 114 **subdued** – quieted
Pg 114 **nibbled/scraps** – ate/bits of food
Pg 114 **warily/grimaced** – cautiously/frowned
Pg 115 **fierce/smugly** – strong, brave/with pride
Pg 115 **gimme** – give (to) me
Pg 116 **figure** – person (Matt)
Pg 116 **deserted plaza** – empty place
Pg 116 **stirred** – moved
Pg 117 **interwove** – wove in and out
Pg 117 **tense/tremble** – be tight/shake
Pg 118 **soothing** – comforting

Pg 118 **rose** – stood up

Pg 118 **naughty** – misbehaving

Chapter 11, pages 119-127

Pg 119 **trembling** – shaking
Pg 120 **aura** – feeling in the air
Pg 120 **willed** – forced
Pg 120 **subside** – go away
Pg 120 **chuckled** – laughed
Pg 120 **nod** – up and down motion
Pg 120 **indicated** – pointed to
Pg 120 **simmer** – just begin to bubble
Pg 121 **kettle** – a heavy pot
Pg 121 **steeping** – soaking up water
Pg 121 **Extracting** – getting
Pg 121 **sultry/oppressive** – humid/difficult
Pg 121 **rafters** – boards (of wood)
Pg 121 **mugs** – coffee cups
Pg 121 **goldenrod shoots** – flower stems
Pg 122 **ominous stalking sound** – frightening sound of something following her
Pg 122 **stalks** – follows
Pg 122 **disdainfully** – badly
Pg 122 **ignorant** – dumb or uninformed
Pg 123 **bravado** – bravery
Pg 123 **yarrow, tansy, madder** – names of plants
Pg 123 **pale lavender** – light purple
Pg 123 **Elderberry** – a plant
Pg 123 **stay fast/linger** – keep its color/stay
Pg 123 **scairt** – scared (afraid)
Pg 124 **wrinkled** – scrunched up
Pg 124 **hare** – rabbit
Pg 125 **confided** – shared (as in a secret)
Pg 126 **skeptically** – not believing

Pg 145 groggy – sleepy, in confusion	Pg 152 solitary – alone
Pg 145 fitful – difficult, un-restful	Pg 153 rustling – movement
Pg 145 relishing/lingered – loving/stayed	Pg 153 muffled – muted, quiet
Pg 145 misery/subside – difficulty/go away	Pg 153 whimper – soft crying
Pg 146 detoured – went a different way	Pg 153 shuddering sobs – shaking cries
Pg 146 scowled/outrage – frowned at/disgust	Pg 153 enclosure/site – closed in area/place
Pg 146 treadle – part of the weaving loom	Pg 153 penned – kept in
Pg 146 chat/gossip – talk/talk about other people	Pg 153 isolated – alone
Pg 146 grinning – smiling	Pg 153 foliage – leaves (plant and tree greenery)
Pg 146 drew back – withdrew, moved back	Pg 154 sniffled – took a quick breath in through her nose because of her crying
Pg 146 peering/glimpse – looking/look	Pg 154 Hush – be quiet
Pg 147 taken off – taken away	Pg 154 Clutching – holding, grabbing
Pf 147 Furtively/confided – secretly/told her	Pg 154 rounded – walked around, came around
Pg 147 knowledges – wisdom, information	Pg 154 wary – cautious, not trusting
Pg 147 solemnly – seriously	
Pg 147 lizzie – lizard	
Pg 148 slithered – climbed	
Pg 148 hind/churned – back/pawed	
Pg 148 moist/stiletto – wet/long and skinny	
Pg 148 tooken – took	
Pg 148 sipped – drank	
Pg 148 flung – threw	
Pg 148 outstretched – spread out	
Pg 148 nosed – pushed his nose	
Pg 148 held the pose – stayed still	
Pg 149 grotesque – ugly	
Pg 149 wing – part of the house (or Edifice)	
Pg 149 chamber – room	
Pg 150 His face fell – he looked sad (as in, “the smile fell from his face)	
Pg 150 ignorance – lack of knowledge	
Pg 151 inappropriate – wrong	
Pg 151 gruff – harsh	

Word substitutions for *Gathering Blue*, pages 155-193

Chapter 15, pages 155-1163

Pg 156 **shallow pit** – not very deep hole
Pg 156 **support/kettles** – pole/pots for cooking
Pg 156 **bundles** – packages
Pg 156 **beams** – wood poles across the ceiling
Pg 156 **ignorance** – not knowing
Pg 156 **chuckled** – laughed
Pg 156 **grimaced/disgust** – frowned/dislike
Pg 156 **pisspot** – a pot to hold urine (pee)
Pg 156 **vital** – important
Pg 156 **bearing** – carrying, bringing
Pg 157 **napping** – having a short daytime rest
Pg 157 **tasks** – jobs
Pg 157 **mourn** – grieve, feel sad
Pg 158 **Reluctantly** – Not wanting to
Pg 159 **captive** – prisoner
Pg 159 **harsh** – mean
Pg 159 **stern** – strict (almost the same as harsh)
Pg 159 **sobbing** – crying hard, crying a lot
Pg 160 **orphaned** – without parents
Pg 161 **cautiously** – carefully
Pg 162 **dubious** - doubtful
Pg 162 **severity** – anger, strong talk
Pg 162 **slamming** – throwing (the door closed)
Pg 162 **creep** – slowly walk, tiptoe quietly
Pg 163 **fingering** – touching, holding
Pg 163 **roam** – wander, walk around
Pg 163 **mischievous** – one to cause trouble

Chapter 16, pages 164-172

Pg 164 **squalor** – filth, dirt
Pg 164 **chaotic din** – random noises
Pg 164 **gesture** – motion
Pg 164 **clotted filth** – piled up dirt
Pg 164 **sign** – traces
Pg 165 **clamor/subsided** – noise/ended
Pg 165 **dimly lit** – poorly lighted
Pg 165 **torches** – lights with flames
Pg 165 **Deftly** – with skill
Pg 165 **base** – bottom
Pg 165 **muted** – quieted
Pg 166 **illuminated** – lighted
Pg 166 **tangled** – messed up, in knots
Pg 166 **wailed** – cried
Pg 166 **marveled** – was in awe, was surprised
Pg 166 **waif of a thing** – small thin person
Pg 166 **cradled her** – held her in her (Kira's) arms
Pg 167 **soothed** – calmed
Pg 167 **suspiciously/clutched** – not trusting/held
Pg 167 **scowled** – frowned
Pg 168 **grinned** – smiled
Pg 169 **triumphantly** – proudly
Pg 169 **thumped** – hit, banged
Pg 169 **tucked** – folded
Pg 170 **intuitively** – naturally
Pg 170 **contented** – happy, satisfied
Pg 170 **conclusion** – decision, understanding
Pg 171 **yearned** – longed, desired
Pg 172 **despite its** – even though it had its

Chapter 17, pages 173-185

Pg 173 **infinitesimally** – very, very, very
Pg 174 **unadorned expanse** – plain area
Pg 174 **good-naturedly** – happily

Pg 186 bickering – arguing, fighting	Pg 193 referred to – talked about
Pg 186 fragrance – pleasant smell	Pg 193 enormous – huge, big, large
Pg 187 assuaged – calmed	Pg 193 firmly – solidly, seriously
Pg 187 concentrated on – thought about	Pg 193 dared her to refuse – challenged her to deny him
Pg 187 sought – looked for	
Pg 187 reassurance/solace – comfort/peace	
Pg 187 phrases – words	
Pg 187 crept – (past tense of creep), snuck	
Pg 187 thump/iffen – bang/if	
Pg 187 Want I should – do you want me to	
Pg 188 pleating/cuffs – creases/sleeve ends	
Pg 188 portrayal – picture	
Pg 188 toppling – galling over	
Pg 188 fiery – fire	
Pg 189 hum – sing without opening your mouth	
Pg 189 recurrent – repeating	
Pg 189 chant – sing	
Pg 190 captive – imprisoned	
Pg 190 interminable – unending, super long	
Pg 190 emphasize – concentrate on, stress	
Pg 191 charmed – helped	
Pg 192 tragic . . . greens – mixture of ruined cities and pleasant green meadows (on the robe)	
Pg 192 dismayed – unhappy	
Pg 192 solemn – serious	
Pg 192 elaborate – complicated, detailed	
Pg 192 quivered – shook, trembled	
Pg 192 distressing – upsetting, sad	
Pg 192 reassuring – comforting	
Pg 192 capably redone – skillfully fixed	
Pg 192 restoration – fixing	
Pg 192 gestured – pointed, motioned	
Pg 193 unadorned expanse – plain area	
Pg 193 conceal – hide	

Word substitutions for *Gathering Blue*, pages 194-end

Chapter 19, pages 194-202

Pg 194 **subdued** – quiet, not excited

Pg 194 **unruly** – wild, not disciplined

Pg 194 **clung** – held onto

Pg 194 **jostling** – pushing people around

Pg 194 **tread of feet** – footsteps

Pg 194 **throng** – crowd

Pg 194 **clutching** – holding onto

Pg 195 **scattered** – here and there

Pg 195 **scampering unsupervised** – running around without anyone watching them

Pg 195 **hubbies** – husbands

Pg 195 **solemn** – serious

Pg 195 **weary** – tired

Pg 195 **diminished** – less

Pg 195 **relish the prospect** – like the idea

Pg 196 **gaunt** – thin

Pg 196 **suspiciously** – with caution

Pg 196 **squalor** – filth, dirt

Pg 196 **sea of faces** – all of the faces

Pg 196 **stragglers** – latecomers (people who are late)

Pg 196 **surge** – swell

Pg 196 **shuffling** – moving slowly

Pg 196 **beckoned** – asked him to come

Pg 197 **peek** – look

Pg 197 **cracked-open** – barely open

Pg 197 **circumstances** – situation

Pg 197 **cavernous** – large (like a cave)

Pg 197 **flush** – turn red

Pg 197 **singled out** – noticed

Pg 197 **derisive** – mean

Pg 198 **Gazing** – looking at

Pg 198 **endured** – gotten through, lived through

Pg 198 **peer/spectators'** – look/watchers, people

Pg 198 **glimpse** – quick look

Pg 198 **attentive** – paying attention, listening

Pg 198 **restrained her** – held her back

Pg 198 **wriggled** – moved around

Pg 198 **shifting** – moving, changing position

Pg 198 **ritual** – same actions

Pg 199 **applaud** – clap

Pg 199 **hush** – quiet

Pg 199 **uncertain** – somewhat confused

Pg 199 **intuitively** – instinctively, without knowing how she knew

Pg 199 **proper** – right, correct

Pg 199 **acknowledged** – noticed, looked at

Pg 199 **unoccupied** – empty

Pg 200 **beckoned** – motioned to Jo with her hands

Pg 200 **grinned** – smiled

Pg 200 **hesitant** – unsure

Pg 200 **infectious** – catching (it made everyone else smile, too)

Pg 200 **waggled** – moved, waved

Pg 200 **ripple** – tiny wave

Pg 200 **hoisted** – lifted

Pg 200 **wavie/confided** – wave/whispered

Pg 200 **gasped collectively** – sucked in their breath all together

Pg 201 **ancient** – very old

Pg 201 **glistered/torchlight** – shone/firelight

Pg 201 **glowed in their subtlety** – looked beautiful in a quiet way

Pg 201 **mount** – climb

Pg 208 **I brung you a giftie** – I brought you a gift

Pg 208 **The big be coming still. But I gots the little here in my pockie** – The big (gift) is still to come. But I have the little (gift) here in my pocket.

Pg 208 **grasshopper** – an insect

Pg 208 **consumed/cringe** – ate/frown

Pg 208 **plunged** – put

Pg 208 **triumphantly** – in victory

Pg 208 **plucked** – picked

Pg 208 **suffusing** – all over

Pg 209 **hushed with awe** – quiet with disbelief

Pg 209 **beamed** – looked very proud

Pg 209 **makened** – made

Pg 209 **recollect** – remember

Pg 209 **There be nought fearful in the woods** – There is nothing to be afraid of in the woods

Pg 209 **et** – ate

Pg 209 **tooken** – took

Pg 209 **boasting** – with pride

Pg 210 **tale** – story

Pg 210 **yearned so for** – so very much wanted

Pg 210 **grasp** - hands

Pg 210 **dignity** – pride

Pg 210 **nudged** – bumped, moved

Pg 210 **expression of ignorance** – look of not knowing

Pg 210 **Dunno** – I don't know

Pg 210 **Puzzled** – confused

Pg 211 **aye?** – right?

Pg 211 **On tiptoe** – standing on the tips of his toes (to make him taller)

Pg 211 **passionately** – with emotion

Pg 211 **Iffen** – if

Pg 211 **summoned** – called

Pg 211 **ushered** – brought

Pg 211 **formality** – special attention

Pg 212 **foot of the stage** – the edge of the stage closest to the audience

Pg 212 **audience applauded** – people clapped

Pg 212 **in acknowledgement of his remarkable** – because of his wonderful

Pg 212 **gazing** – looking

Pg 212 **populace** – people

Pg 212 **imitating** – copying

Pg 212 **mounted** – climbed

Pg 212 **fingered** – touched

Pg 212 **swayed** – moved back and forth

Pg 212 **glimpsed** – briefly saw

Chapter 21, pages 213-221

Pg 213 **exhilarating** – exciting, wonderful

Pg 213 **triumph** – victory

Pg 213 **in chorus** – along with

Pg 213 **conclusion** – ending

Pg 213 **beckoned** – motioned

Pg 213 **wriggled/dozed** – moved around/slept

Pg 213 **eagerness** – happiness

Pg 213 **summoning** - calling

Pg 213 **scrambled down** – climbed down, got off

Pg 213 **beamed** – smiled

Pg 213 **released from . . .** – no longer serious

Pg 214 **dread** – not wanting something to happen

Pg 214 **sorrow** – sadness

Pg 214 **laboriously** – with difficulty

Pg 214 **curiously** – with wonder, with questions

Pg 214 **slumped wearily** – bent over and tired

Pg 214 **categorize** – understand

Pg 214 **presence** – being there

Pg 215 **indicating** – pointing at

Pg 223 **acknowledgement** – agreement

Pg 224 **appointed** – assigned, elected

Pg 224 **post** – job

Pg 224 **hostility** – anger

Pg 224 **Harsh** – mean

Pg 224 **recall** – remember

Pg 224 **but for** – except for

Pg 224 **defied** – refused (to do what they asked)

Pg 225 **go on** – continue talking

Pg 225 **for certain** – for sure

Pg 225 **bitterly envious** – extremely jealous (see “jealousies”, page 223)

Pg 225 **stalking** – following

Pg 225 **club** – large piece of wood

Pg 225 **stunned/dazed** – almost unconscious, couldn’t see well, couldn’t think

Pg 225 **left me for dead** – walked away, thinking I was dead

Pg 225 **dazed** – not thinking clearly

Pg 226 **lilt** – melody, sound

Pg 226 **cadence** – rhythm

Pg 226 **soothing** – calming

Pg 226 **dulled** – lessened

Pg 226 **carrying litter** – stretcher, bed

Pg 226 **delirious** – out of my mind

Pg 226 **aid a grievously wounded being** – help a seriously injured person

Pg 226 **nursed** – brought (by giving him medical care)

Pg 227 **blurred** – unclear

Pg 227 **astounding** – surprising, shocking

Pg 227 **journeys** – travels

Pg 228 **unconsciously** – without thinking

Pg 228 **cherished** – loved, wanted, cared for

Pg 228 **pendant** – necklace

Pg 229 **wept** – cried

Pg 229 **willed** – made

Pg 229 **stained** – marked

Pg 229 **sobbed** – cried

Pg 229 **embrace** – hug

Pg 229 **shield** – covering

Pg 229 **pained** – hurt

Pg 229 **blows/intended** – hits/meant

Pg 230 **Startled/lullaby** – surprised/baby’s song

Pg 230 **expression lightening** – face smiling

Pg 230 **exhausted** – very tired

Pg 230 **all that way** – so far

Pg 231 **slip away** – go away secretly

Pg 231 **indicating** – showing him

Pg 231 **readied** – made ready, prepared

Pg 232 **gashed** – cut

Pg 232 **suspected** – thought, wondered

Pg 232 **proof of her guilt** – evidence that she did anything wrong

Pg 232 **turned on you** – became against you

Pg 232 **trial** – a legal court proceeding

Pg 232 **honored** – special

Pg 232 **squeezed** – held tightly to

Pg 233 **The hand that she held ...** - her father took his hand away from hers.

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Pg 234 **dim pre-dawn** – darkness before sunrise

Pg 234 **woad** – a type of plant

Pg 234 **soaked/soil/fragile** – watered/dirt/delicate

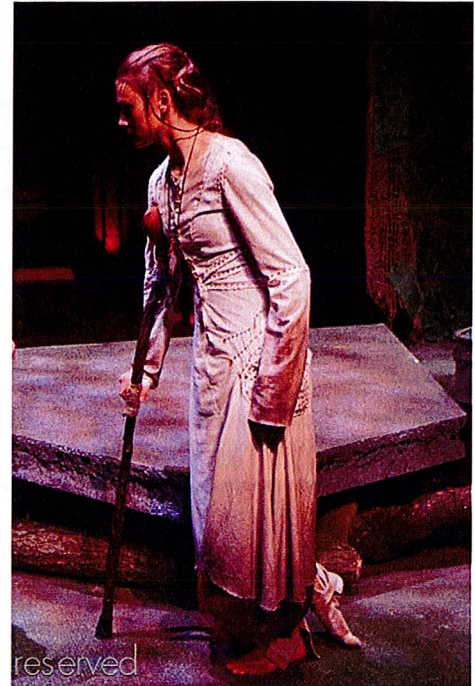
Pg 234 **faint pink stain ...** – light pink color coming up over the horizon

Pg 235 **sudden violent, isolated illness** – unexpected severe sickness that only affected her mother

Gathering Blue Characters

Kira

Kira is the main character. She is born with a bad leg and therefore cannot walk without a cane. Her mother, Katrina, always protected her, but now Katrina is dead and the townswomen no longer want Kira in their village.



Matt and Branch

Matt is a small boy who becomes Kira's loyal friend. Branch is his dog, whom he calls Branchie.



Vandara

Vandara is a mean woman who wants Kira gone. She takes Kira to court to ask them to remove Kira from the village.

Jamison

He is the man who successfully defends Kira in court. He then gives Kira a place to live while she works on the Singer's robe.

