

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries
September 9, 2025

Meg Brown opened the evening with “The Household Snake,” a story she found in the book, *Five Minute Stories*. In Cairo, where a snake in the house is considered good luck, a mother snake decides to take revenge on the family when the children abuse her baby snakes. But the good luck prevails.

Rose Owens delighted us with a story called “The Never Forgot Doll,” that she had found in *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Taking the part of seven-year-old Nancy, she recounted her adventures and ended by showing us her real doll.

Renu Narayan joined us from India and shared a story she wrote about a girl who lost her mother and found her again.

Beth Wakelee shared a version of a famous folktale about a smuggler and the border patrolman who couldn’t figure out what was being smuggled.

Chester Weems called in from Oklahoma City to share an Icelandic story that he learned on a trip there. A sheep dog who was injured by a scythe became the best of all.

Sharon Elwell recalled Rudyard Kipling’s *Just So* story about King Solomon and the butterfly.

Brandon Spars brought the evening to an end with a hilarious story about disposing of his aunt’s collection of Middle Eastern literature.