



The Essential Case File : Character Profiles Peggy Holmes

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Shirley's grandmother, Peggy Holmes, is no ordinary gran ! She's travelled widely in her time, mainly thanks to her love of archaeology. which has seen her uncovering some fantastic artefacts at sites and digs all over the world. She's also an expert in the oriental discipline of t'ai chi.



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Shirley is also very close to her grandma and they both enjoy spending time together. Shirley loves Peggy's apartment in their large and rambling house. It's a place full of mismatched but intriguing objects : Persian carpets, ancient spears, amulets, fossils, tribal masks no matter how well Shirley thinks she knows the place, there's always something new to be discovered there. There are plenty of books, too, with tempting titles such as the *The Key to Deciphering Sanskrit* and *Osiris : God of Death*. it's pretty obvious that Shirley inherited her love of reading from Gran.

Peggy knows Shirley well enough to understand that what she often needs more than anything is time to think her problems through. There is a relationship of equals, and sometimes a story from her own past is enough to set Shirley on the right road. Shirley loves the fact that her gran is so wise - she seems to know the answer to almost everything. However, she's never quite sure how much Gran knows about her sleuthing. Virtually nothing she thinks - then a chance remark will make Shirley realise that Gran knows a lot more than she thought. It remains their unspoken secret; and, as Gran has a few secrets of her own, this suits the pair of them just fine !