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3 Jeannette Walls clearly never had a normal childhood. As a kid, she was deprived of many basic traditions and staples in a child's life. For these reasons I feel that Jeannette would connect with the red toy car, the hot wheels and the train tracks. All 3 of these objects were things that many kids in north america grow up. For me personally, I had all 3 of these things as a kid and my parents didn't hide me from so many basic traditions and beliefs of innocent kids. Jeannette was forced to grow up much too fast

4 One example of why Jeannette would relate to these 3 similar objects is because her parents never let her and her siblings believe in Santa. Her parents felt that other kids who believe in santa are being "deceived by their parents" (pg.39). Although not every kid celebrates christmas or grows up believing in it I feel that it is the fact that her parents never gave them the chance to. Their imaginations were forced to be kept small and they were never encouraged to daydream or think of unimaginable things. Most kids grow up looking for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow or waiting up for the tooth fairy. Jeannette and her siblings were deprived of so many basic childhood opportunities. Even chewing gum was a no.

3 Because Jeannette and her family moved around so much they relied a lot on their cars. The hot wheels and red car could relate to Jeannette because her family went through so many cars. They often would break down on them on one of their long cross country journeys or they didn't have enough room to carry all of their things, therefore forcing Jeannette to get rid of some of her toys. The walls family went through vehicles left and right. Often these trips would last hours, days and even a month so i'm sure Jeannette got the chance to get comfortable in the car just to have to get a new one the next month.

4 Lastly, Although Jeannette didn't have many of the basic childhood toys, she did have a few of her own prized possessions. Her tinkerbell doll for example was always her favourite. She loved that doll so much because is was one of the few toys she had and she always new she could fit it in the car with her for her next move. Even when the doll's face was "melting with burning plastic" she loved it more than anything. Jeannette is a very gracious little girl who never took anything for granted. Everything she got she loved with her whole heart. She never got the toy car, the hot wheels or the train track but she never missed them. The little things she had were enough for her and I think that is a lesson we can all learn from Jeannette.