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Button Time

Hi! My name is Amanda. I want to tell you about an adventure that	14
happened because my brother, Zeke, lost a button from his favorite jacket.	26
Mom, Dad, Zeke, and I were on vacation in South Dakota. We were walking	40
down a side street when Mom saw a button shop. We all went in to see if we	58
could find a match for Zeke’s missing button.	66
Zeke and I found a small open display case that was marked “Antique	79
Buttons.” We both reached out and touched a button. There was a sudden	92
flash of light. I closed my eyes and opened them to bright sun.	105
Everything around us had changed. We were all standing outside in a	117
strange town. The buildings were the kind you see in old cowboy movies.	130
Some horses grazed in a paddock behind one of the buildings. We had	143
traveled back in time!	147
We went into a building with a sign that read “Cityville Post Office.” The	161
man who ran the post office said soon he would be heading to California	175
to look for gold. That’s how my family ended up running the post office in	190
Cityville, South Dakota, in 1849.	195
Back then, people had to bring their letters to the post office to be	209
mailed. Everyone also had to pick up his or her mail at the post office.	224
We used a wood stove for heat and for cooking and lit oil lamps for light.	240
Life in the old West was A LOT OF WORK!	250
Then a peddler came to town. He was selling shell buttons that looked	263
exactly like the antique ones in the button shop. Mom, Dad, Zeke, and I all	278
held each other’s hands while Mom touched one of the buttons. FLASH! We	291
were back in the button shop and back in this century!	302

