

“All Dried Out”



Maggie Gould

Ten-years-old
Phoenix, Arizona

Ten-year-old Maggie Gould likes chocolate chip cookies, hates asparagus, and eats tomato soup and grilled cheese for lunch whenever she has the opportunity. She lives in North Phoenix with her mom, Katie; her dad, Nate; her twin brother, Nathan; and her two fat cats that are much older than she. When she grows up, she wants to be an animal trainer, but until then, she will settle on being a blonde, blue-eyed fifth grader at Desert Trails Elementary School. As a model student, she consistently lists on the honor roll, maintains perfect attendance, and was even a recipient of the ‘Attitude is Every Thing’ award in her class. She likes school because of her friends: Sarah is her best friend, but she also hangs out with Rebecca, Jennifer, Bailey and Quimick. One glance into her room reveals her love for soccer—she has an exhibit of soccer trophies of all variations of shapes and sizes from the past four years. Last season, she played fullback for the All Stingers and wore a flashy, yellow jersey that appeared just a little too big for her small stature. Maggie says if she had all the money in the world, she would buy a house in the mountains; if she could travel anywhere in the world, she would go to Asia. Why? She doesn’t know. And why should she. Her imagination doesn’t need to provide reason.