1.The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse (Snapshot)

Aram and Mourad: Aram and Mourad are two poor Armenian boys who are cousins. Aram is nine while Mourad is thirteen years old. They belong to Garoghlanian tribe, which is known for its integrity and honesty for centuries.

Mourad stole a beautiful white horse but it was not stealing to them because they had taken it without permission of the owner just to enjoy riding; not to sell it. They were crazy for riding.

But soon they became conscience-stricken. They now realised that this could put a blot on their tribe’s dignity and reputation. They finally decided to return the horse to its rightful owner John Byro.

Uncle Khosrove: Uncle Khosrove was an enormous man with a powerful head of black hair and the largest moustache in the whole valley. He was short-tempered and irritable. He was considered to be the true inheritor of the crazy streak of the Garoghlanian tribe. He stopped anyone from talking by roaring, “It is no harm; pay no attention to it.” Mourad resembled him in many ways. So, Mourad is considered to be the descendent of that crazy streak in the family.

John Byro: John Byro was an Assyrian farmer who had learnt to speak Armenian because of loneliness. He was sad because his white horse had been stolen a month back. It was still not found. Byro had a surrey (horse cart) which was useless without a horse.

He found the horse with the two Armenian boys---Aram and Mourad. He checked it carefully. It was just like his horse but he refused to believe that the two boys had taken his horse. The reason was that he knew their family was famed for honesty. Although his rational mind said that it was his horse, his heart refused to believe it.

After the horse was returned, he said that the horse was stronger than ever and also better tempered. He did not know that the two boys had taken good care of it.