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CONTEXT: *The Bronze Bow*

On the lines below, answer the following question in a single paragraph. Be sure to refer to the events of this story to explain your answer.

***Where and under what conditions did the author live?
How do these conditions make themselves apparent in the story?***

Elizabeth George Speare was born and raised in Melrose, Massachusetts. She spent her early years much by herself. She had a younger brother but was very isolated from other children her own age. She spent much time devouring books and enjoying nature near her New England summer home. It was as a child that she first dabbled in writing her own stories. Speare draws on her own solitary childhood in crafting the character of Daniel who, though fascinated by his peers, feels shy and awkward after many long years on the mountain.