

QUICK CARD: THE GIRL OF THE LIMBERLOST



<i>Reference</i>	<i>The Girl of the Limberlost.</i> Gene Stratton Porter. (1909) ISBN-13: 978-1440430497
<i>Plot</i>	Fatherless Elnora wants an education more than anything except her mother's love, but her mother's history and bitterness impedes both.
<i>Setting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Limberlost Swamp (a real place in Onabasha, Indiana) • Victorian era • Country vs. City • In the main character's adolescence and young adulthood
<i>Characters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elnora Comstock – an energetic, intelligent, determined young country girl who longs for both her mother's love and an education • Philip Ammon – a city boy who meets Elnora while recovering from an illness in the country. He befriends her and assists her in hunting moths for her collection • Mrs. Katharine Comstock – at first bitter and blind, she becomes loving and supportive when she discovers the truth about the past and can finally live in the present • Wesley and Margaret Sinton – neighbors of the Comstocks who love Elnora and who know the truth about the Comstock's tragic past • Billy – orphan adopted by the Sintons • Edith Carr – Philip's fiancée, a snooty and self-absorbed socialite • Hart Henderson – Edith's lover • Freckles and the Swamp Angel – one-time resident of the swamp, who earned his education through collecting and selling nature specimens from the Limberlost Swamp • Polly Ammon – Philip's sister

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Levering – Polly’s boyfriend • The Bird Woman – independent and educated naturalist who buys Elnora’s moth collections and helps her towards her goal of an education
<i>Conflict</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man vs Man; Man vs. Nature; Man vs. Self: Will Elnora overcome poverty and her mother’s bitterness to obtain love and an education? • Man vs. Nature; Man vs. Man: Will Elnora discover the rare moth necessary to complete her collection and earn the necessary money to finish her education?
<i>Theme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry • Resourcefulness • Courage • Determination • Forgiveness • The freeing effect of the truth
<i>Literary Devices</i>	Symbolism - Edith Carr’s gown symbolizes the Empress Monarch at her engagement party