

“...Using the same strategy as the boys’ to conceal itself, the snake is submerged and, obviously, it thinks it’s resting on a log. But, the problem is that the snake’s body is resting on *Billy’s* chin, neck, and chest and it takes every bit of his self-control to remain motionless and not gulp in a lung full of water. All he can do is watch as the snake scrutinizes the strange creature above that has disturbed its rest. Fortunately for Billy, the snake is more cautious than curious and it decides to make a slow retreat deeper into the safety of the swamp. As he watches the snake slither over his face, Billy breathes a deep sigh of relief through the stem of the water lily and once again counts his blessings....”