

### The Grove: The Keeper

He strolled into the wooded Grove.

- Main character keeps magical creatures—some dangerous.
- Occasionally has premonitions
- Ridiculed for his profession/ is secretive of his profession
- A girl—sister? Lover?
- One of the creatures—long, aquatic, dragon-like snake (*very* long!)—Normally eats fish (ate dead snake in dream?)
- Another creature—winged, like a gryffin
- The Grove has a lake for the aquatic snake, trees, rocky shore
- Aunt—teaches him, stays with him, trusts him to take care of the creatures. Possible ex-Keeper?
- Men are digging around, trying to take/capture/kill/sekk creatures.
- Creatures are dangerous, yet the boy grows to love and care about them
- Underground caves system exists
- Surrounding areas routinely flood, boy lives in house on hill with aunt, so safe from flooding.
- Book with notes, environmental needs, eating habits, drawings, etc. of creatures
- Modern day, with cell phones, etc.