GLOSSARY

*The Golden Goblet* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

**Chapter 1**

**crucible** a vessel made of material that does not melt easily; used for high temperature chemical reactions (a melting pot)

**ingot** a mass of metal cast in a convenient form for shaping

**amulet** an object worn, especially around the neck, as a charm against evil or injury

**annealing** to make less brittle by heating then cooling (as with glass or steel)

**tempered** hardened

**ingratiatingly** in a flattering manner

**sibilant** of, characterized by, or producing a hissing sound like that of /s/ or /sh/

**servile** abjectly submissive; slavish; of or suitable to a slave or servant

**sidle** to move sideways

**frond** the leaf of a fern

**scribe** A public clerk or secretary, especially in ancient times

**bosses** knob-like ornaments; studs

**difﬁdent** lacking conﬁdence

**fowler** a bird catcher; someone who hunts wild birds for food

**surly** rude, unfriendly disposition

**brusquely** roughly; in an abrupt manner

**graven** sculpted

**Chapter 2**

**aspects** appearances

**jocular** playful, jesting

**irresolute** uncertain

**meander** to follow a winding and turning course

**thicket** a dense growth of shrubs or underbrush

**papyrus** a tall, aquatic, Mediterranean plant

**crag** a steep rugged cliff or rock

**spasmodically** relating to abnormal muscular contractions

**contractions**

**extricate** to release or free from entanglement

**temerity** boldness; presumptuous daring

**unprepossessing** not creating a favorable impression

**negligently** carelessly

**contemptuous** full of disdain or scorn

**bewildered** confused

**fishmonger** one who sells ﬁsh for food

**ingrate** ungrateful person

**invariable** constant, not changing

**vindictively** intended for revenge; vicious

**reproachful** with an expression of disapproval

**deigning** [DANE • ing] condescending; lowering oneself

**mourners** a person who is feeling grief (as grieving over someone who has died)

**funerary** of or suitable for a funeral or burial.

**Chapter 3**

**jubilant** expressing joy

**buoyant** cheering or invigorating; lighthearted

**droll** having a humorous or odd quality

**dullard** a stupid person

**idle** inactive; avoiding work or employment; lazy

**obeisance** [o • BEY • surts] homage; a bow to show respect

**mollified** soothed in temper; appeased

**ferment** agitation

**rapt** carried away with emotion

**abashed** embarrassed

**flippant** lacking seriousness

**bulwarks** a wall-like defensive structure

**dike** a low wall of earth and rock built to prevent ﬂoods

**insolent** rude; disrespectful

**Chapter 4**

**scrupulously** painstakingly, with great care

**irascible** [ih • RASS • ih • bull] hot tempered
glibly  with careless ease
peremptorily  as a command

■  CHAPTER 5
complacently  in a satisfied manner
furtive  stealthy; sly
obsequious  [uhb  •  SEE  •  kwee  •  us] fawning; syco-phantic

■  CHAPTER 6
sarcophagus  a stone coffin, often inscribed or decorated with sculpture
akimbo  hands on hips and elbows turned outward
interminable  [in  •  TER  •  muh  •  nih  •  bull] endless
monotony  boredom; lacking in variety
malevolent  wishing harm to others
elusive  tending to avoid capture
nocturnal  occurring in the night
recede  to move back or away from

■  CHAPTER 7
scythe  a long, curved single-edged blade with a long bent handle, used for mowing or reaping
desiccated  dried up
respite  [RES  •  pwa] temporary delay
menial  humble; servile
belligerent  eager to fight; hostile or aggressive
bower  shelter of boughs or vines
voluminous  large; having great volume

■  CHAPTER 8
austere  stern; severe; strict
self-recrimination  the act of blaming oneself

■  CHAPTER 9
exhilarating  stimulating; invigorating

■  CHAPTER 10
stealth  secret procedure
enigmatic  perplexing; mysterious
truncated  shortened as if by having a part cut off
audacious  extremely bold or daring

■  CHAPTER 11
laconically  using few words; expressing much in few words
morosely  gloomily or sullenly ill-humored, as a person or mood
abstracted  lost or deep in thought; preoccupied
rogue  a dishonest, knavish person; scoundrel
malice  ill intent; desire to inflict injury, harm, or suffering on another, either because of a hostile impulse or out of deep-seated meanness

■  CHAPTER 12
tactfully  with consideration; with a keen sense of what is appropriate or tasteful
chortle  a gleeful chuckle
ludicrously  so as to arouse or deserve laughter

■  CHAPTER 13
hillock  a small hill
restive  restless; uneasy

■  CHAPTER 14
futile  incapable of producing any result; ineffective; useless; not successful
citadel  any strongly fortified place; stronghold.
vengeance  desire for revenge

■  CHAPTER 15
blemish  a defect or flaw; something that detracts from the appearance
scandalized  shocked or horrified by something considered immoral or improper

■  CHAPTER 16
profound  intense; complete
antechamber  a chamber or room that serves as a waiting room and entrance to a larger room or an apartment
incredulous  disinclined to believe; skeptical
tremulously  characterized by trembling, as from fear, nervousness, or weakness.