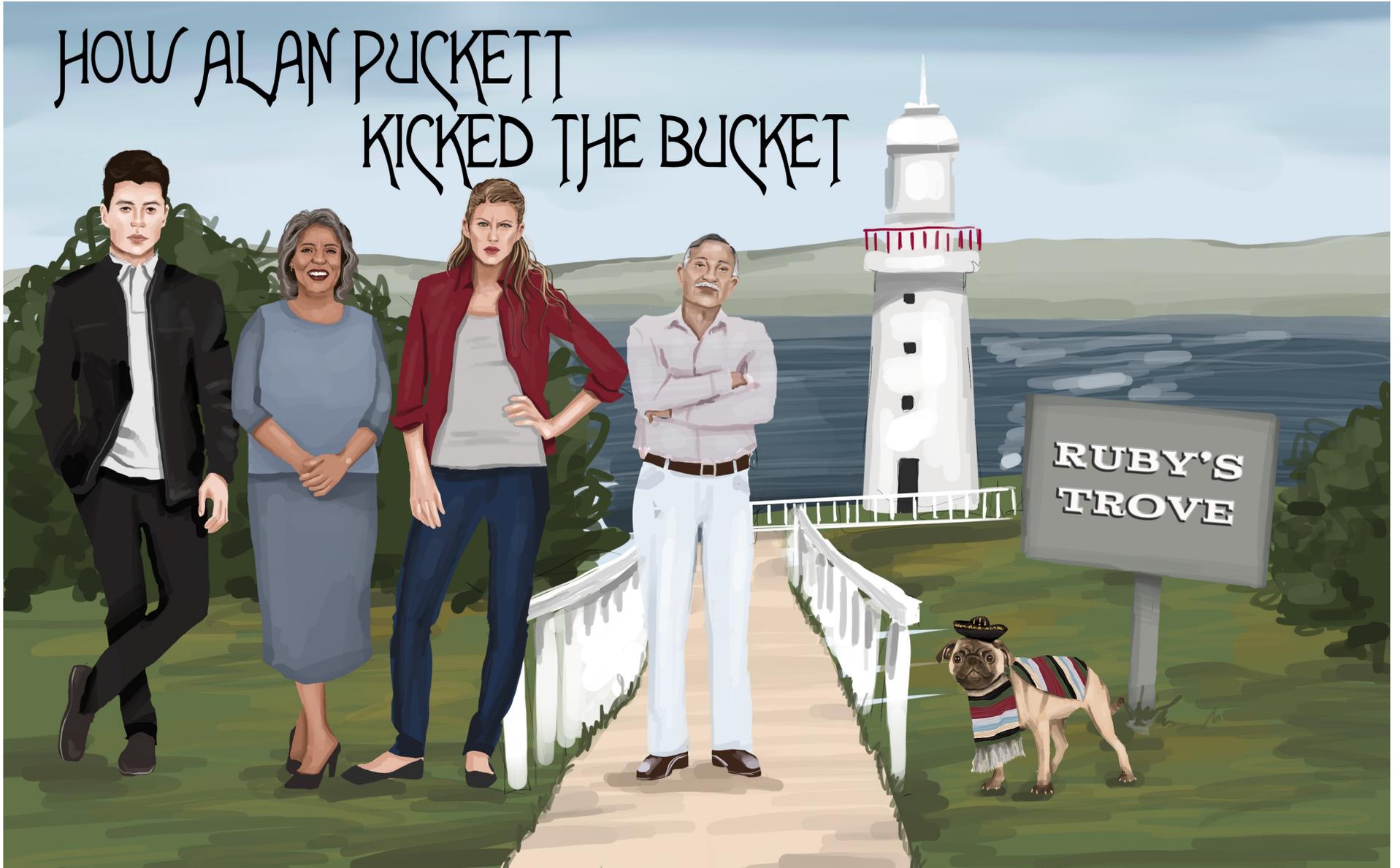


# HOW ALAN PUCKETT KICKED THE BUCKET



# Your Character

## CHERRY ARCHER

Cherry Archer is a young, budding novelist who has come to Ruby's Trove to take inspiration from the sea as she completes her first novel. Originally from France, Cherry is friendly and excited to be in Ruby's Trove, renting the upper level of the house at 526 Madawood Lane. When she's not holed-up writing inside the house, she can be found strolling on the beach or simply sitting on the rocks, watching the waves, as though transfixed, and clearly having fallen in love with the beauty of this town.

# Cherry's Hide Information

Your name is not actually Cherry Archer, and you are not a budding novelist who came to Ruby's Trove to finish her novel. The truth is, you came here to seek revenge on the man who murdered your parents: Alan Puckett.

Your real name is Samantha De Roche and you were only six years old when your house burned down. You don't remember much because you were so young, but you do remember that your older brother, Jake, woke you up from your sleep, told you he was going to give you a piggy back ride and to hold on tight, and then he, your older sister Annabelle and you crawled out the window to safety.

Your parents never made it out of the house.

You remember being taken from your brother and sister, and you were placed with a nice couple who loved you a lot. Through your life, they took you traveling all over the world, and in these travels, you fell in love with France. You moved there to go to school, and you were loving your life. But then, your past caught up with you.

You were sitting in a cafe when a man and woman approached you and sat down at your table without asking. They explained that they were Jake and Annabelle, your brother and sister, and that they had been searching for you for a long time. Jake explained that he had been searching for you and Annabelle since he was a teenager, and he had only just found Annabelle a few months before they found you.

At first you thought it was some sort of scam – that they knew you were adopted and had planned to get money out of you or steal your kidney or something. But Jake had a picture of the three of you when you were all little, and it was definitely you in that picture.



They explained that Jake had discovered that the fire that killed your parents was not an accident – it was arson, and they knew who started the fire... A man named Alan Puckett, who was your neighbour at the time. Annabelle and Jake did not have as easy a time as you did growing up – they both were put in the foster system instead of getting adopted right away as you had. They had made their own way in life, and now they wanted revenge.

# Cherry's Hide Information

You felt guilty for having the life you did compared to their struggles. Your adoptive parents told you about your birth parents, and kept the few memories you had of them alive. Your mother was lovely – so sweet, and you remembered how soft her hair was and the scent of her perfume... your dad had a booming laugh that made you laugh too, and he would lay on his back, put you on his feet in the air and make you “Fly”.

Alan Puckett took that away from you... took it away from all three of you. You agreed to take part in whatever Jake and Annabelle had planned.

They had tracked Alan Puckett to a town called Ruby's Trove – he and his wife had recently moved there to retire. Ruby's Trove looked to be a quaint, peaceful little seaside town – you could easily enjoy living seaside for a bit while doling out some revenge. And so, you put your life in France on hold for a bit and travelled to Ruby's Trove. Jake had told you the place next door to his house could be rented as a short-term holiday rental, so you took the second story of 526 Madawood Lane for two months, claiming to be a writer looking for some peace and the inspiration of the ocean as you completed your first novel.

Andrea Blathson asked you about your novel once and, completely forgetting that you were pretending to be a writer, you muttered something about your novel being untitled and escaped the conversation as quickly as possible, and hope that Andrea didn't catch on that your story of being a writer is a total lie.

You never mentioned to anyone in Ruby's Trove that you knew Jake, who is going by the name of Bob Sanderson. Nor did you mention that Annabelle, AKA Sally Gleeson, was your older sister. The three of you are never seen in public together, although you did meet a few times under cloak of darkness in Lilac Park to discuss the plan.

When Alan Puckett died, you will initially say that you were on the beach at Lilac Park, planning out the next chapter of your novel, but if someone questions you directly about your true whereabouts, you will have to answer, and answer truthfully – you were actually in Jake, AKA Bob's living room, sitting on the couch with Annabelle, far enough back from Jake's front window that no one outside could see you.



# Cherry's Share Information

Around the time of the murder you were at the Lilac Park Beach, sitting on the rocks between the beach and the marina. You do this most mornings, as a way to get your thoughts together for your writing sessions each morning, and this morning was no exception. You're not sure if anyone in the marina could verify that you were there, because you didn't see anyone at the marina coming or going. It was a completely normal morning at the beach and the marina, and you had no idea that anything had happened in Ruby's Trove until you returned on foot to find ambulances taking Alan Puckett's dead body away.

