

## TREE HUGGERS



Ann lives in a little house near the woods. She is not married, and she has no children. Ann lives alone.

Ann works at a restaurant. She is a waitress. In her free time she likes to go hiking in the woods. She likes being outside very much.

Ann is a busy woman, but she feels lonely sometimes.

She has a sister. Her name is Betty. But Betty is married and has two children. Betty rarely talks to Ann.

Ann has a few friends, but they are also married and have children. They don't have much time for Ann.

One day Ann watches a TV show about people who hug trees.

"A tree is your best friend," the woman on TV says. "Hug a tree, and you will feel the positive energy entering your body."

Ann doesn't believe it. But one day when she is hiking in the woods, she tries it. She is surprised. She really feels something positive. She feels good.

One evening, Ann feels lonely and sad. She calls her sister, but her sister doesn't have time to talk to her. She is

cooking. Ann calls a friend, but she doesn't answer her phone.

Ann goes for a walk in the woods. It's getting dark, but she wants to hug a tree. She finds a big tree and hugs it. She closes her eyes. She feels good.

Suddenly she feels a hand. She screams and opens her eyes. A man is hugging the tree from the other side. He is a tree hugger like Ann.

Ann and the man start laughing. They talk. Ann likes the man, and he likes her.

From that day on they go for walks together. Ann has a new friend. A year later they get married.