

Along with The Tobin Tree: **Ranch House**

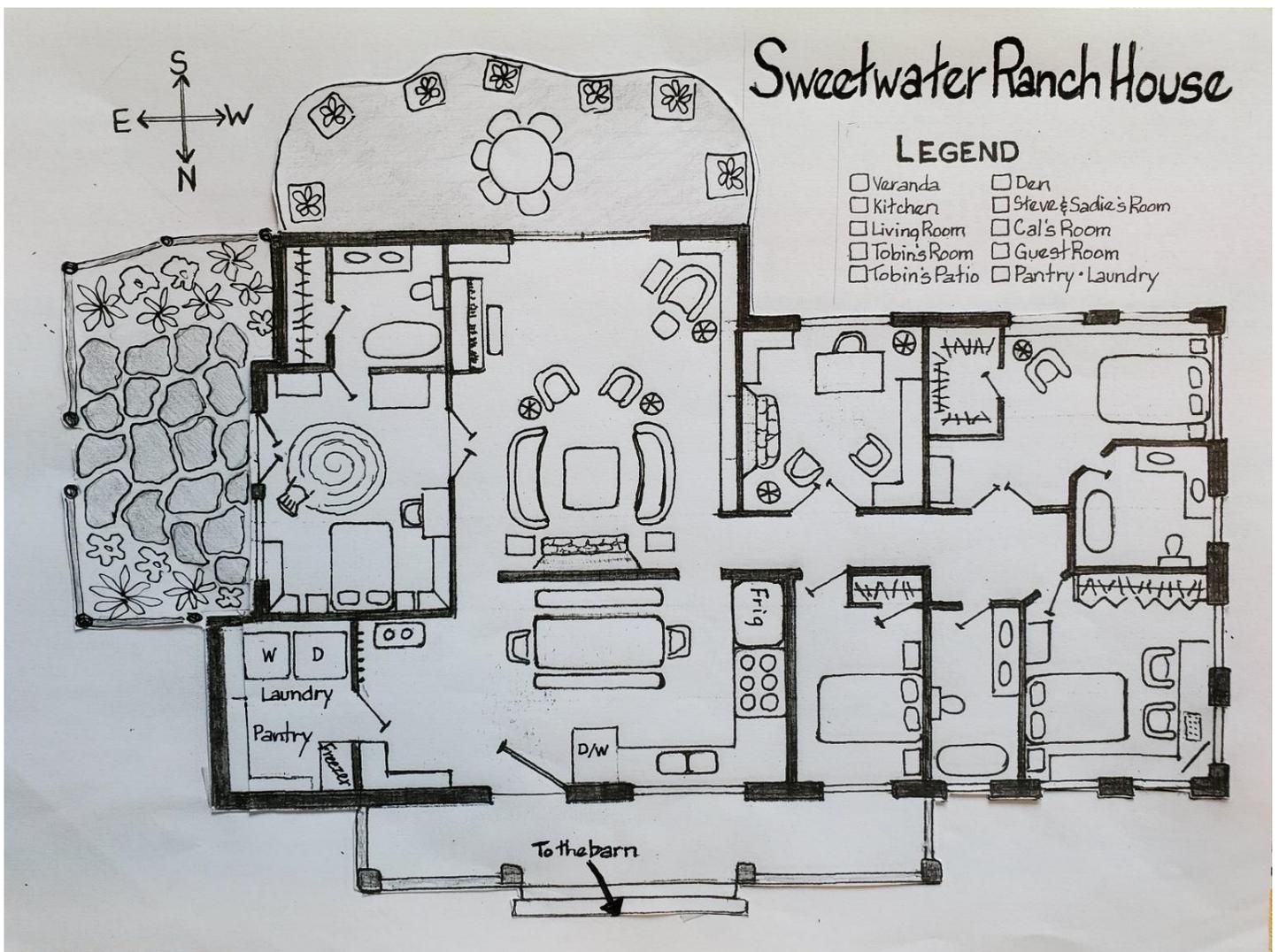
Imagine what the ranch house must be like from the **outside**.

1. Sadie points out the house as they drive up from the canyon (page 14). Tobin sees a “sprawling structure of natural wood. It had a dark-green metal roof and a wide veranda that looked out over the fields. A ridge thick with pine trees rose steeply behind the house. Nearby was a big weathered barn.”
2. You might draw what you think it looks like. There is a picture of a barn on the **Colorado Photos** section if you need a reference. The word “sprawling” usually means a one-story house.

Use the diagram to imagine what the house might be like on the **inside**.

As you read, you can tour the house.

Notice the compass rose showing the direction the house is facing.



Chapter 3

1. Tobin and Cal came back from riding to the ditch gate. This is Tobin's first time in the house. She follows Cal across the yard from the barn to the house.
2. Read page 19 for a description. Look at the diagram of the house. Pretend you are on the veranda (porch) at the kitchen door. Go into the kitchen with Tobin.
3. Ahead is a big table and benches. To the right you see the stove, refrigerator, and sink.
4. What direction would you be looking if you looked out the window over the sink?
5. Find Bear's water and food dishes in the corner.

Chapter 4

1. On the diagram, go through one of the doors from the kitchen to the living room. Read the description on page 21.
2. The wall that backed to the kitchen was taken up by a big fireplace and hearth.
3. Around the coffee table are couches and chairs. (I gave them two couches on the drawing.)
4. There's an upright piano in a corner of the room.
5. At the far end of the room, what can Tobin see through sliding glass doors?

Tobin's room:

1. In the living room, to the left of the piano, are French doors. (French doors are two glass doors that swing open rather than slide.)
2. You step down to another room. Read the description on page 21 and find:

The patio outside	more French doors	Desk and chair
A place where a bird feeder could be		Cedar chest
Circular rug		Bed and night stands
Rocking chair		Book shelves
Dresser		Bathroom
3. Take a moment to stand on the rug and imagine what the room is like.

Other rooms: Label or color these rooms and color code the legend.

1. Find the only other room (other than the living room) that has a **fire place**. You are now in the **den**. When you read page 114, you will be able to imagine what the scene must look like.
2. Steve and Sadie's room (It has a walk-in closet)
3. Cal's room (he has a desk and computer)
4. The guestroom
5. The bathroom off the hall.

Note: I had fun dreaming up the ranch house. I hope you enjoyed the 'tour'.