

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature

Revision Notes

Chapter 02

The Thief's Story

- A small-time 15 year old thief, who calls himself Hari Singh, befriends a struggling author, Anil. Hari's purpose is to steal Anil's money.
- Anil is a good fellow who wants to teach Hari Singh how to read and write.
- Gradually, Anil develops trust in Hari Singh. But Hari Singh has been waiting for the right moment to make a killing by doing what he is best at, i.e. stealing.
- After stealing the money which Anil had earned by selling a book to a publisher, Hari Singh tries to run away forever.
- But some inner voice stops him from doing so. He returns to Anil because he realizes that he wants to live a life of respect.
- Anil does not show that he knew about the theft and accepts Hari Singh with open arms.
- Thus, a well intentioned person tries to reform a teenager who had strayed from the correct path