

FIRST FLIGHT

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
CHAPTER NUMBER: 3
CHAPTER NAME : TWO STORIES FLYING
UNIT -1- HIS FIRST FLIGHT
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INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTHOR

Born	28 August 1896 Inishmore , Ireland
Died	7 September 1984 (aged 88) Dublin , Ireland
Occupation	Author
Literary movement	Irish Renaissance
Spouse	Margaret Barrington
Partner	Kitty Tailer
Children	Pegeen, Joyce
Relatives	Tom O'Flaherty , his brother Breandán Ó hEithir , his nephew John Ford , his cousin



Liam O' Flaherty was born on **28 August 1896 in Country Galway, Ireland**. He was an Irish novelist and short story writer and a major figure in Irish literary Renaissance. He breathed his last on 7 September 1984. He became very popular with his best selling novel 'The Informer' in 1925.

THEME OF THE STORY

'His First Flight' is a magnificent story about courage and self confidence. It is a parable about overcoming fears of life. Fear is the most negative feeling that hinders one's progress. One can conquer it with courage and sincere efforts. The story also highlights the importance of parents in one's life.

His First Flight

HIS FIRST FLIGHT by LIAM O' FLAHERTY



Every first step in life needs courage and self confidence .To cover a distance of hundred miles we have to take a first step .

EXPLANATION OF THE TEXT (PAGE -32)

- **The young seagull was alone on his ledge.**
- He was afraid of flying. He thought that his wings wouldn't support him.
- He failed to muster up his courage.
- His parents taunted, scolded and threatened him to leave him starving.
- But he lacked the courage.



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EXPLANATION OF THE TEXT (PAGE -33)

- **The young seagull hadn't eaten since the previous nightfall. (page no- 33)**
- He helplessly watched his parents flying with his brothers and sisters.
- Parents were perfecting his siblings' art of flying.
- The whole family taunted him for his cowardice.



MESSAGE OF THE STORY

- No one attains success instantly. Repeated trials and errors lead to success.
- Success can't be taken for granted.
- Skills have to be learnt in life with sincere efforts.
- One should be confident enough to overcome the fears of life.
- All parental actions are for the betterment of children.
- One has to make efforts through repeated trials shedding of one's early hesitations and fears to succeed in any enterprise.

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