

The Thief's story

- 1) Nag Hari Singh did not know how to cook. The first meal which he cooked for Anil was so bad that Anil threw it to the dogs. But Hari's appealing smile made Anil give up his decision to turn him out.
- 2) The thief was grateful to Anil because ~~he promised to teach him to write his name~~ Anil taught him to read and write whole sentences and to add numbers. Soon he would become an educated man and would be able to achieve anything in life.
- 3) He made profit of one rupee from buying the day's supplies. Anil knew everything about Hari Singh's stealing but didn't seem to mind them. Hari started to accept the joy of earning money by following the path of honesty. Hence Hari Singh found it quite pleasant to work with Anil.

- 4) When Hari Singh said 'Gud work', ~~the~~ Hari Singh meant stealing. He wants to steal Anil's money because he has not stolen anything for a long time. Secondly, Anil is a careless man. If Hari Singh did not steal his money, he would waste it on useless things.
- 5) Hari Singh was illiterate as he could not read and write. At railway station the list was attached but as he was illiterate he couldn't find a train which went to Lucknow. This prompted him not to stand at ticket office.
- 6) In the excitement of the theft, the thief had forgotten about ~~the~~ his routine. Sitting under the shelter as the clock to run, he surmised that Anil would probably have given him two or three rupees to go to the cinema. Because he deserted him, he couldn't cook his meal and run to the bazaar to buy groceries. He would never be able to learn to write whole sentences any more.

7) Harisig Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty about robbing him. He thought that people have different responses to being robbed. Some people show fear, some show anger, and some show acceptance. But Hari knew Anil would not be sad for loss of money.

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9) Anil is a kind, simple and easy going young man. He is tall and lean stature and has interest in sports like wrestling. He is not very rich and cannot afford to employ Had as a cook. He has the patience and goodness to not only teach Had to cook but also to read, write and add numbers. Though he knows about Hari's stealing of little bits of money from the groceries, he ignores this fact.

Anil is a writer who writes for magazine and makes money in fits and starts. He is a very trusting person. Even when he earns a large amount of money, he keeps the money under his mattress and not in a safe box.

Anil is generous enough to pay Hari a certain portion of the money which Hari tried to steal from him earlier. He has a forgiving nature and forgives Hari of his theft without letting him know of his discovery.

10) As Hari still had the key to Anil's room, he had the several chances of stealing Anil's money. Yet he was surprised by Anil's trust in him because he hadn't seen such a trust worthy person in his before. His trust stopped him from robbing Anil and he found Anil the most trusting person he had ever met.

11) The speaker himself was an experienced ~~thief~~ thief and fairly successful hand. The speaker made Anil his friend because he thought he could get into the young man's confidence easily. He befriended Anil so that he ~~could~~ could get with him with an intention of robbing him. In the end, Anil is robbed but due to the kindness that he shows to the thief, the thief returns the money that he stole.

12) In the short story 'The Thief Story' by Ruskin Bond, we learn that love, sympathy and affection can transform even a thief. Hari Singh is the protagonist of the story. He was a thief who befriended people and earned their trust with the sole purpose of deceiving them and robbing them of their money.

Hari Singh met Anil, a newspaper reporter, who provided him with a roof over his head and taught him to count and write his name. Anil provided him love and sympathy and affection along with a chance of being literate.

Arvik's love, care, understanding, affection and sympathy had the power to transform even a thief's heart.