

Title & Author:

The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk and Other Stories by Ruskin Bond

Introduction:

I picked this book because I like reading Ruskin Bond's easy and entertaining stories. His writing makes me think of village life and peaceful days. When I read the title, I wondered—why wouldn't the parrot speak? I thought the book would be humorous and full of short, true-life stories. I thought it would be easy to read and soothing. I also wanted to read about animals and people from small towns.

Summary:

The book is a series of short stories inspired by the author's childhood life. The title story, *The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk*, is the one about Aunt Ruby who attempts to make her pet parrot talk. But the parrot remains quiet. One day, something extremely comical occurs that surprises all.

Other tales in the book are entertaining characters such as Uncle Ken, who seems to get himself into trouble all the time, and the Grandfather, who is an animal lover and gets into some fascinating adventures.

Most of the tales are located in Indian hill stations, which lends the book a serene and tranquil atmosphere.

The main themes in the book are family, freedom, kindness, and the bond between people and animals. Each story teaches something small but meaningful, without being too serious. Even though the stories are simple, they stay in your mind because they are funny, honest, and warm.

Analysis & Opinion :

What I enjoyed most about this book is the way Ruskin Bond describes ordinary things in a unique manner. His writing is simple and full of emotions. He does not use large words or large incidents. Yet, the stories touch your heart.

My favorite character is Uncle Ken. He is constantly attempting to assist others but keeps making a mess of things. In one of the stories, he offers guidance to someone regarding the selection of a career, but he himself is more confused than the person he is giving advice to! It was absolutely hilarious.

Aunt Ruby also stands out. She is strict and wants her parrot to speak. She keeps scolding it and repeating words every day. But the parrot never talks—until one day, it says, “You’re a horrible woman!” This moment was very funny and surprising.

This indicates that animals, just like humans, feel and require liberty. One day, Aunt Ruby informed everyone that she would never stop instructing the parrot. Afterwards, her cousin reported that Aunt Ruby had taken weeks attempting to get the parrot to talk.

The book leaves us a message—kindness is more than force. It also teaches us to live the little things in life. The book might be slow for some, but I enjoyed the quiet and gentle pace the stories took. Each of the stories made me smile or reflect on something profound.

Personal Connection :

This book took me back to when I was at my grandmother's village for holidays. The pace of life was slow, but it was a happy and peaceful life. Reading the stories took me right back there again.

The phrase "old is gold" best describes this book. Although the book is written in the old way, it remains fresh and pleasant to read. Another phrase is "every cloud has a silver lining." All stories begin with a trouble, but they end with something pleasant or humorous.

I began thinking about treating animals better after I read this book. I used to leave my pet alone so much. Now, though, I realize that even animals crave love and freedom. That's what this book taught me.

The characters in the book also got along with one another even when they were greatly different. That taught me how much kindness and understanding are important.

Two of the phrasal verbs that I can identify with are "look back" and "cheer up." When I think back into my own childhood, I feel good. And whenever I was sad, these stories cheered me up.

Conclusion:

Yes, I would highly recommend this book. It is easy, amusing, and profound. Those who enjoy animals, countryside living, or short stories will love it. It's also wonderful for students since the language is straightforward and lessons are understandable. If you wish for a relaxing and enjoyable book to read after a stressful day, *The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk and Other Stories* is an excellent option.