

The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More

Name: The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More

Author: Roald Dahl

Main Character: Henry Sugar

My Opinions and Summary

This book is a collection of amazing short stories: the main story of the seven is Henry Sugar's. This book is so amazing you cannot even tell fact from fiction.

The six other stories are: The boy who talked to animals (Roald Dahl is on holiday and meets a boy who can talk to a turtle [not just any old turtle], this is a story that you cannot stop reading until the end), The Hitch-hiker (Roald Dahl gives a lift to an intriguing hitchhiker whose gift is secret until the end), The Mildenhall Treasure (a story about a fortune found and a selfish person and greed), The Swan (a story about a boy who is bullied by two others this includes a swan which is one of the most important part of the story), A Lucky Break (A true story about his life and becoming a writer- actually quite interesting) and A Piece of Cake (a true story about his time in the RAF in World War II, this story kicked start his writing career).

The main story: **The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar**

At the beginning Henry Sugar is not exactly a wonderfully amazing person in fact he is actually quite the opposite at the beginning.

Henry Sugar is a wealthy man who had never worked a day in his life. Henry is quite selfish and plays in casinos to get more and more money (as well as winning he would sometimes lose).

He is in the library one day and reads an article from a doctor about a man who could see without using his eyes: This man is from India (called Imrat Kahn) he searches for that gift 'to see without eyes'. He had always been intrigued by magic. He goes in search of a Yogi to acquire the power and when asked he says he wants to become a "disciple" (in fact his real intentions are to use the powers for his own selfish needs). This man eventually finds the Yogi he wants but that Yogi refuses to help him as he had watched the Yogi use his powers of levitation. It turns out learning to acquire the power takes a long time (a lot of years). This man eventually gets that power through something quite wonderful; concentration, he finds this out as he walks across flames without feeling pain. That man knows what to do after he finds out how to build that power: concentrating on a candle flame, looking at what he cannot see with normal eyes. This man eventually knows the secret but it takes him a long time before he can develop them. This man has an act: The Man who can see without Eyes. This is how he earned money but now he is dead because he used the powers selfishly.

Henry sees how those powers could help him make more and more money. He steals the book so nobody else can have powers like him, once he acquires them. Henry wants those powers so he can always stay rich (like the man mentioned earlier he is would be using those powers selfishly).

Henry puts a lot of concentration into getting those powers and slowly but surely he starts to change and acquiring the powers of the Yogi makes him more humble.

One night Henry wins a lot of money, the following morning he becomes uninterested in the money he has won and he throws the whole lot out of the window. This creates a lot of commotion so much so a police officer comes to sort out the "problem".

Henry Sugar finds himself being berated by a police officer and only then does he find out about these poorly funded orphanages so, he decides to create his own orphanages dotted around the globe, which would be funded even better than those that were standing in place.

He makes his accountant in charge of the money he makes. He proves to him that he can do the supposed trick no-one could ever believe.

Henry is wise and decides to take caution when it comes to winning so much money from casinos.

Henry goes around the world winning money from casinos (he only goes to them once a year to avoid suspicion). One night his plan goes horribly wrong as he goes to three casinos and wins quite a large amount of money (when all three sums are added together) that was owned (the casino) by the same person.

A bellhop from the hotel warns Henry and Henry narrowly escapes. He knows that he cannot pose as just Henry Sugar he knows he needs to disguise himself which is why he hires a professional make-up artist from Hollywood who creates new characters for Henry to pose as. This goes without a hitch.

Only when Henry Sugar dies his story is revealed.

So that was the story of Henry Sugar: A truly amazing book from Roald Dahl. A great book everyone should read. This is a MUST read for absolutely every one of all ages.