

CLASS IX ADDITIONAL ENGLISH CHAPTER 7 – THE THIEF'S STORY

(RUSKIN BOND)

NOTES

THE AUTHOR

Ruskin Bond (1934-), is a well-known Indian author of British descent. Ruskin was born to Edith Clarke and Aubrey Alexander Bond in Kasauli. He lives with his adopted family in Landour, Mussoorie, India. The Indian Council for child education has recognized his role in the growth of children's literature in India. 'The Hidden Pool' and 'Panther's Moon' is a well-known book produced for children.

SUMMARY

The story is about a fifteen years old thief, who changes his name every month to stay ahead of the police and old employers. He called himself Hari Singh when he met Anil, who was 25 years old writer, easy going and warm hearted. Hari offered himself to work for Anil and Anil trusted and employed him. Anil taught him how to cook, read and write and Hari was quite happy working for Anil. One day Hari saw that Anil had brought a bundle of notes. That night he stole the money and betrayed his master's trust. Later that night he returned and kept the stolen money back. Thus, the story discloses how the young thief deceived his master but withdrew later on.