# Vallikkannan

This chapter tells us about an eight year old small girl. To fulfill her only desire, she collects the bus fare and starts on the journey to a near and comes back to her house. The chapter shows Valli's deepest desire and her experience on the bus ride.

# Betty Renshaw

Lord Buddha was originally born as a prince in the royal family but when he was exposed to the sufferings of the world, he left his state of prince and went in search of salvation. He gave his first sermon at Banaras where a lady named Kisa Gotami came to him and he preached her that it is foolish to express sorrow because death is a universal truth and invertible for all.

(8) The Sermon

at Benares

**Prose** 

(7) Madam Rides

The Bus

(6) Mijbil the

Otter

(5) Glimpses of

India

II. Coorg

(9) The Proposal

(4) From the

Diary of Anne Frank

(1) A Letter To God

(2) Nelson Mandela:

Long Walk to

Freedom

I. His First

Flight

II. Black

Aeroplane

(3) Two Stories

about Flying:

# Anton Chekov

In this one act play, Lomov and Natalya quarrel on petty matters. When Natalya comes to know that Lomov approach her with marriage proposal, she asks her father to go to bring him back. When Lomov again comes to her house, they again start quarrelling. Meanwhile her father puts her hand in the hands of Lomov, but their quarrel does not come to an end.

## Gavin Maxwell

The author has decided to domesticate an otter after he has lost his pet dog. He tells about his journey of adjusting, playing and travelling with Mijbil, the otter. The journey developed an inseparable bond with him.

# Arup Kumar Dutta

Pranjol, a youngster from Assam, is Rajvir's classmate at Delhi. His father is a manager of a tea garden in Upper Assam. On the invitation of Pranjol, his friend Rajvir visits Assam during summer vacation. During their journey, they discuss the popularity of tea as a beverage.

# Lokesh Abrol

Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka. It is a coffee estate. It is famous for its rainforests and spices. The weather here is extremely charming. There is a variety of animals in Coorg. This place is surrounded by beautiful Brahmagiri hills, islands and Tibetan settlements.

III. Tea from

Assam

# Lucio Rodrigues There is a deep impact of Portuguese culture on Goan life. In this chapter, the writer gives us a pen portrait of a traditional Goan village baker who still

has an important place

in the society of Goa.

I. A Baker

from Goa

which she expresses her thoughts and experiences fitted town in a diary which was gifted to her on her 13th birthday. She has given the name to her diary 'Kitty.' She mentions about her childhood, her family and other

things in this diary.

Anne Frank

This chapter is an autobiography of

Anne Frank in

# G.L. Fuentes

In this chapter, Lencho, a farmer, writes a letter to God seeking help from him after discovering that his entire crop has been destroyed by a devastating hailstorm. He gets partially help but he questions the modesty and honesty of the postmaster who, in fact, helped him in the name of God anonymously.

# Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

In South Africa, a rigid policy named 'apartheid' was in practice. It was one of the most brutal societies where dark skinned people were deprived of all their fundamentals rights. So Nelson Mandela along with others carved their way to a society where there will be no discrimination on the basis of their colour, caste, race or gender.

## Liam O'Flaherty

The lesson reflects how one hesitates to take the first step and that fear is all in the minds. This is a story of a young bird who is afraid to fly for the first time. He believes that his wings would not support him. But his mother compelled him to fly by using food as a trap and finally the bird succeeds in flying.

# Frederick Forsyth

The narrator of the story is a pilot who is eager to meet his family and have a good breakfast but he takes a wrong decision of facing the storm instead of doing the right thing. But due to a miracle, he somehow manages to escape the storm and with the help of a mysterious aeroplane, he safely lands down.

### Ogden Nash A little girl Belinda owns many pets including black kitten Ink, grey mouse Blink, yellow dog William Butler Yeats Mustard and a coward dragon Custard. But in In the poem, the poet says that it fact, when there was a time of need, the coward is almost impossible to find a Robert Lee Frost dragon killed the pirate who entered the house person who loves us for our In this poem, the poet of Belinda while all other pets were proved so inner qualities and not for our tells us that one day he timid that they could not face the pirate. external looks. The poet further was in a depressed says that it is only God who mood. All of a sudden a loves us for our qualities not for pleasant thing happened Carl Sandburg external beauty. to him under a tree. It Fog is a very beautiful changed the poet's poem written by Carl mood. It saved the rest of Sandburg. It is a very the day of the poet. This short poem. The poem is a highly symbolic (9) The Tale of very beautifully describes (10) For Anne Gregory Custard the Dragon poem by Robert Frost. the process of arrival of fog into a city and the (1) Dust of Snow harbour. The poet has beautifully compared fog Robert Lee Frost (8) Fog to a cat. **Poetry** This is a highly symbolic poem that presents a meditation about how the world will come to an (2) Fire and Ice (7) The Trees end. In the poem, the poet says that the fire of lust and endless Adrienne Rich desires and ice of hatred among This poem tells that the (3) A Tiger in human beings will cause the ornamental plants and the Zoo destruction of this world one day. (6) Amanda! trees are grown in the houses for beautification. They have taken the place (4) How to Tell of large forest trees which George Leslie Norris Wild Animals (5) The Ball Poem are being cut rapidly by This poem shows a great human beings. The poem importance of freedom. The depicts the impact of poem contrasts a tiger in the zoo great harm to nature by to the tiger in its natural habitat. human beings. In his natural surroundings, the tiger is happy and joyful but in a cage, he is full of rage and trouble. John Allyn Berryman Robin McMaugh Klein When a boy losses a ball in The poem expresses the the water, he becomes views of a small girl extremely upset. Though Carolyn Wells Amanda about liberty in a ball does not cost much In this humorous poem, the poet her life and how she reacts and it's not even difficult gives a beautiful description of the to the restrictions imposed to buy a new ball, yet the Asian Lion and the Bengal Tiger. upon her by her parents is poet wants the child to The poet gives word description of very interesting. understand that losing a the leopard and the bear, hyena for thing in this world is a its smiling face and crocodile for its common thing of life for tears. The poet describes how chameleon changes its colour. everyone.

### Claire Boiko **James Herrict** The play tells how the Earth is saved from 'A Triumph of Surgery is the story of a invasion of aliens. It is only a book, woman Mrs. Pumphrey who loved her dog nursery rhymes, which saves the planet. very much. So much so that she used to overfeed him which resulted in the dog, Tricki, becoming lethargic and sick. He had K.A. Abbas to be hospitalised on the advice of Dr. This chapter tells the story Herriot. Tricki was not put on any medicines. of a little girl Bholi whose Instead he was made to do a lot of exercises and food at fixed internal. Soon, Tricki was real name was Sulekha and well and was handed back to Mrs. was not given and attention Pumphrey. due to her pock-marked face. Also, a part of her brain had damaged in her childhood. She was sent to 9- The Book that the village school where Saved the Earth her teacher transformed her from a simple girl to 1- A Triumph of Surgery Sulekha again. Ruskin Bond Supple-8- Bholi The narrator of the story is Hari mentary Singh. He is thief but changes his Readers way of living after meeting Anil, a 7- The 2- The Thief's Story writer. Hari Singh starts working as a Necklace cook in Anil's house. One day he Guy de Maupassant steals a bundle of notes from his Matilda was a pretty lady 3- The Midnight house and leaves the house but the who was married to a clerk. Visitor kindness shown by anil forces him to 6- The Making She was not satisfied with go back to him and change himself. of a Scientist what luck had given her and always wanted to have 4- A Question beautiful dresses and good Robert Arthur 5- Footprints of Trust food. She desired a luxurious This chapter tells us the story of a Without Feet live but it led to a change in secret agent, Ausable, who is waiting her life when she borrowed a for a secret report. Max, a secret agent diamond necklace from her from another organisation, threatens friend to attend a party. She Ausable to hand over the report to him. Ausable fabricates the story of a lost the necklace and worked hard for ten long years to balcony to save himself. Max, thinking arrange and repay the money it to be true, jumped out and died. H.G. Wells to buy another necklace. It Griffin, a scientist, discovered was after a long time when a formula to make himself she came to know that the invisible. He went to London Victor Canning diamonds were not real. where th tried to steal food This is a story of Horace Danby and clothes for himself. Many whose hobby is collecting rare times, he landed himself into books, but he doesn't have Robert W. Peterson trouble. So he went to a village enough money to but these This chapter throws light upon where he stole money from a books. So, he robs but only once the various discoveries by a clergy means drawer. He a year. The money would last a scientist Richard Ebright. He saved himself by becoming year. He is tricked ints opening a became a great Scientist with his invisible. curiosity and a will to win. He safe, posing herself to be the owner of the house. Horace is won many prizes at International arrested and sent to prism.