

BOOK REVIEW

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Title of the Books: The Old Man and The Sea; **Author:** Ernest Hemingway;
Publication: Arrow Books, London; **Year:** 1951

The Old Man and The Sea is a classic novella written in the year 1951 by Ernest Hemingway. It is considered to be the last major work by the eminent author to be published while he was alive. The book is a short read (under 100 pages) which is set in Havana, Cuba. The story tells us the tale of an old fisherman, a young boy and a beautiful and brave fish. The fish ‘Marlin’ was an 18 feet from nose to tail. This story has an inspirational message about the human capacity for resilience and perseverance, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges . Santiago’s unwavering determination to achieve his goal serves as a source of motivation and hope. The protagonist never gives up, even when he cannot pull his catch in, even when sharks attack him or eat his fish. Skilled fisherman from Cuba was called “a man can be destroyed, but not defeated”. This book with 99 pages will bring you to the middle of the sea. You will be on a small fishing boat with the old man, Santiago, adventure of 84 days will make you fall in love with this old man. His courage, energy, enthusiasm - will remind you that how young the old man is.

The author is writing style: the author has chosen a very simple story and turned it into a masterpiece. I feel if that is not wonderful. What else is? I also liked the way a non-human i.e., the ‘Marlin’ play such an important role in the book. The climax of the story as the best part of the book. What did I not like is that it is a difficult book for those who are unaware of the fishing techniques and equipment’s .

This book is often featured in the hundred books to read in a lifetime list.

Skip the book, if you don’t like slow reads and if classics are not your cup of tea.

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THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA



Ernest Hemingway