

Unique Words

Chapter 1 – "A Triumph of Surgery"

- **Mistress:** A woman in a position of authority or control.
- **Bloated:** Excessive in size or amount.
- **Sausage:** An item of food in the form of a cylindrical length of minced pork or other meat encased in a skin, typically sold raw to be grilled or fried before eating.
- **Bloodshot:** (Of the eyes) inflamed or tinged with blood, typically as a result of tiredness.
- **Rheumy:** Watery.
- **Lolled:** Sit, lie, or stand in a lazy, relaxed way.
- **Hastened:** Be quick to do something.
- **Listless:** Lacking energy or enthusiasm.
- **Malnutrition:** Lack of proper nutrition.
- **Cod Liver Oil:** Oil pressed from the liver of cod.
- **Relent:** Become less severe or intense.
- **Lumbago:** Pain in the muscles and joints of the lower back.
- **Severe:** Very great; intense.
- **Regime:** A system or ordered way of doing things.
- **Tottering:** Move in a feeble or unsteady way.
- **Tweed:** A rough-surfaced woolen cloth.
- **Harness:** A set of straps and fittings.
- **Distraught:** Very worried and upset.
- **Bouts:** A short period of intense activity of a specified kind.
- **Rug:** A floor covering.
- **Panting:** Breathing with short, quick breaths; out of breath.
- **Fortnight:** A period of two weeks.
- **Swooned:** A partial or total loss of consciousness.
- **Wailings:** Crying with pain, grief, or anger.
- **Marched:** Walk quickly and with determination.
- **Roused:** Cause to stop sleeping.
- **Maids:** A female domestic servant.
- **Rushed:** Done or completed too hurriedly; hasty.
- **Supper:** An evening meal, typically a light or informal one.
- **Despairing:** Showing loss of all hope.

- Glanced: Take a brief or hurried look.
- Patted: Touch quickly and gently with the flat of the hand.
- Wag: (Especially with reference to an animal's tail) move or cause to move rapidly to and fro.
- Surged: Move suddenly and powerfully forward or upward.
- Sniffing: The action of drawing in air audibly through the nose.
- Whimper: Make a series of low, feeble sounds expressive of fear, pain, or unhappiness.
- Trotted: Run at a moderate pace with short steps.
- Engulfed: Sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely.
- Slopped: Spill or flow over the edge of a container, typically as a result of careless handling.
- Liable: Likely to do or to be something.
- Licking: Pass the tongue over (something) in order to taste, moisten, or clean it.
- Pleased: Feeling or showing pleasure and satisfaction.
- Jostling: Push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd.
- Scrimmages: A confused struggle or fight.
- Trampled: Tread on and crush.
- Squashed: Flat, soft, or out of shape as a result of being crushed or squeezed with force.
- Shaggy: Long, thick, and unkempt.
- Hovered: To move to and fro near a place.
- Anxiously: Feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.
- Dozen: 12 in number.
- Bulletins: A short official statement or broadcast summary of news.
- Convalescing: Recover one's health and strength over a period of time after an illness or medical treatment.
- Brandy: A strong alcoholic spirit distilled from wine or fermented fruit juice.
- Constitution: The composition of something.
- Reverently: With deep and solemn respect.
- Temptation: The desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.
- Compelled: Bring about (something) by the use of force or pressure.
- Gleaming: Reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished.
- Chauffeur: A person employed to drive a private or hired car.
- Clasped: Grasp (something) tightly with one's hand.
- Trembled: Shake involuntarily, typically as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty.
- Fetch: Go for and then bring back (someone or something) for someone.

- Hurling: Move or cause to move at high speed, typically in an uncontrolled manner.
- Midst: In the middle of.
- Lithe: Thin, supple, and graceful.
- Startled: Feeling or showing sudden shock or alarm.
- Swarmed: Move somewhere in large numbers.
- Shone: A quality of brightness produced.

Chapter 2 - "The Thief's Story" by Ruskin Bond

- Lean: Thin.
- Flattery: Excessive and insincere praise.
- Modestly: In an unassuming manner; without vanity or arrogance.
- Employers: A person or organization that employs people.
- Grunting: Make a low, short guttural sound.
- Appealing: Attractive or interesting.
- Misjudged: Form a wrong opinion or conclusion about.
- Balcony: A platform enclosed by a wall or balustrade on the outside of a building, with access from an upper-floor window or door.
- Terrible: Extremely bad or serious.
- Patted: Touch quickly and gently with the flat of the hand.
- Pleasant: Giving a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment.
- Supplies: A stock or amount of something supplied or available for use.
- Fits and Starts: Not working on something consistently.
- Borrow: Take and use (something belonging to someone else) with the intention of returning it.
- Lend: Grant to (someone) the use of (something) on the understanding that it will be returned.
- Queer: Strange; odd.
- Bundle: A collection of things or quantity of material tied or wrapped up together.
- Line of Work: The principal activity in your life that you do to earn money.
- Beam: A ray or shaft of light.
- Crept: Move slowly and carefully in order to avoid being heard or noticed.
- Drew: Pull or drag.
- Sighed: Emit a long, deep audible breath expressing sadness, relief, tiredness.
- Startled: Feeling or showing sudden shock or alarm.
- Dashed: Quickly ran towards something.
- Carriages: Any of the separate sections of a train that carry passengers.
- Hesitated: Pause in indecision before saying or doing something.

- Deserted: (Of a place) empty of people.
- Curious: Eager to know or learn something.
- Robbed: Take property unlawfully from (a person or place) by force or threat of force.
- Bazaar: Market.
- Maidan: A park.
- Drizzle: Light rain falling in very fine drops.
- Shelter: A place giving temporary protection from bad weather or danger.
- Clock Tower: A tower, typically forming part of a church or civic building, with a large clock at the top.
- Midnight: Twelve o'clock at night.
- Damp: Slightly wet.
- Cinema: A theatre where films are shown for public entertainment.
- Hurried: Done in a hurry; rushed.
- Undetected: Not detected or discovered.
- Clouded: Make or become less clear or transparent

Chapter 3 – "The Midnight Visitor"

- Musty: Having a stale, mouldy, or damp smell.
- Gloomy: Dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening.
- Scarcely: Only just; almost not.
- Passably: Just well enough; tolerably well.
- Espionage: Spying.
- Envisioned: Imagine as a future possibility; visualize.
- Sloppy: Carelessly dressed.
- Prosaic: Ordinary.
- Chuckled: Laughed quietly, without opening his mouth.
- Disillusioned: Disappointed in someone or something that one discovers to be less good than one had believed.
- Wheezed: Spoke breathing noisily and heavily.
- Slender: Gracefully thin.
- Countenance: A person's face or facial expression.
- Menacing: Suggesting the presence of danger; threatening.
- Murmured: Say something in a low or indistinct voice.
- Raise the devil: Make a noisy disturbance.
- Grimly: In a very serious, gloomy, or depressing manner.
- Nuisance: A person or thing causing

- Inflection: A change in the form of a word (typically the ending) to express a grammatical function or attribute such as tense, mood, person, number, case, and gender.
- Passkey: A master key.
- Glanced: Take a brief or hurried look.
- Stiffly: In a manner that is not relaxed or friendly.
- Gesture: A movement of part of the body, especially a hand or the head, to express an idea or meaning.
- Sill: The horizontal piece or member beneath a window, door, or other opening.
- Shrilly: Piercingly; in a high pitch.
- Deftly: Dexterous; nimble; skillful; clever.
- Uncorked: To draw the cork from.
- Stammered: To speak with involuntary breaks and pauses, or with spasmodic repetitions of syllables or sounds.

Chapter 4 – "A Question of Trust"

- Safe: A strong fireproof cabinet with a complex lock, used for the storage of valuables.
- Grange: A country house with farm buildings attached.
- Pounds: Basic monetary unit of the UK, equal to 100 pence.
- Stirred: Move or cause to move slightly
- Burglar: A person who commits theft.
- Hindering: Make it difficult for (someone) to do something or for (something) to happen.
- Doorway: An entrance to a room or building through a door.
- Ornaments: A thing used or serving to make something look more attractive but usually having no practical purpose, especially a small object such as a figurine.
- Amused: Finding something funny or entertaining.
- Hesitated: Pause in indecision before saying or doing something.
- Frighten: Make (someone) afraid or anxious.
- Persuaded: Induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.
- Mended: Repair (something that is broken or damaged).
- Sharp-tongued: (Of a person) given to using cutting, harsh, or critical language.

Chapter 5 – Footprints without Feet:

- Imprints: Impress or stamp a mark on a surface.
- Bare: Not clothed or covered.
- Gazed: Looked at steadily and intently.
- Fainter: Barely perceptible.
- Bewildered: Perplexed and confused; very puzzled.
- Eject: Compel someone to leave a place.
- Theatrical: Relating to acting, actors, or the theatre.
- Whiskers: A long projecting hair or bristle growing from the face or snout of many mammals.
- Callously: In a way that shows an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.
- Inn: A pub, typically one in the country, in some cases providing accommodation.
- Wagging: Move or cause to move rapidly to and fro.
- Solitude: The state or situation of being alone.
- Eccentric: Unconventional and slightly strange.
- Clergyman: A male priest, minister, or religious leader, especially a Christian one.
- Poker: A metal rod with a handle, used for prodding and stirring an open fire.
- Grasped: Seize and hold firmly.
- Peeped: Look quickly and furtively at something, especially through a narrow opening.
- Sniff: Draw up air audibly through the nose to detect a smell, to stop it running, or to express contempt.
- Leapt: Jump or spring a long way, to a great height, or with great force.
- Slam: Shut a door, window, or lid forcefully and loudly.
- Hysterics: A wildly emotional and exaggerated reaction.
- Moaned: Make a long, low sound expressing physical or mental suffering.
- Witchcraft: The practice of magic, especially black magic; the use of spells.
- Horrified: Filled with terror; extremely shocked.

Chapter 6 – The Making of a Scientist:

- Former: Having previously been a particular thing.
- Scout: A member of the Scout Association or a similar organization.
- Proceedings: A published report of a set of meetings or a conference.
- Journal: A newspaper or magazine that deals with a particular subject or professional activity.
- Making the big leagues: In a field of tough competition and high rewards, the largest or foremost of its kind.
- Fossils: The remains or impression of a prehistoric plant or animal embedded in rocks.

- Astronomer: An expert in or student of astronomy.
- Monarch butterflies: A large migratory orange and black colored butterfly that occurs mainly in North America.
- Migrations: Seasonal movement of animals from one region to another.
- Adhesive: Able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky.
- Flock: A number of birds of one kind feeding, resting, or traveling together.
- Tedious: Too long, slow, or dull; tiresome or monotonous.
- Stack: A pile of objects, typically one that is neatly arranged.
- Starling: A gregarious Old World songbird with a straight bill, typically with dark lustrous or iridescent plumage but sometimes brightly colored.
- Zoology: The scientific study of the behavior, structure, physiology, classification, and distribution of animals.
- Ornamental: Serving or intended as an ornament; decorative.
- Sophisticated: Advanced.
- Blueprint: A design plan or technical drawing.
- Canoeist: A canoeist is someone who is skilled at racing and performing tests of skill in a canoe.

Chapter 7 – The Necklace

- Clerk: A person employed in an office or bank to keep records, accounts, and undertake other routine administrative duties.
- Dowry: An amount of property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage.
- Petty: Of little importance; trivial.
- Incessantly: Without interruption; constantly.
- Delicacies: Fineness or intricacy of texture or structure.
- Shabby: In poor condition through long use or lack of care.
- Tureen: A deep covered dish from which soup is served.
- Pot pie: A savory pie baked in a deep dish, typically with a top crust only.
- Elegant: Graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.
- Exquisite: Extremely beautiful and delicate.
- Convent: A school attached to and run by a convent.
- Elated: Make someone ecstatically happy.
- M.: Mr. in French.
- Mme.: Mrs. in French.
- Spitefully: Showing or caused by malice.
- Murmuring: A low or indistinct continuous sound.
- Stammered: Speak with sudden involuntary pauses and a tendency to repeat the initial letters of words.

- Stupefied: Make someone unable to think or feel properly.
- Dismay: Concern and distress caused by something unexpected.
- Weeping: Shedding tears.
- Vexation: The state of being annoyed, frustrated, or worried.
- Grieved: Feel intense sorrow.
- Francs: The basic monetary unit of France, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and several other countries.
- Pale: Light in color or shade; containing little color or pigment.
- Larks: A bird.
- Vexed: Annoyed, frustrated, or worried.
- Adorn: Make more beautiful or attractive.
- Stricken: Seriously affected by an undesirable condition or unpleasant feeling.
- Chic: Elegantly and stylishly fashionable.
- Shabby: In poor condition through long use or lack of care.
- Satin: A smooth, glossy fabric, usually of silk, produced by a weave in which the threads of the warp are caught and looped by the weft only at certain intervals.
- Ecstatic: Feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement.
- Salons: A reception room in a large house.
- Descended: Move or fall downwards.
- Hailing: (Of a large number of objects) fall or be hurled forcefully.
- Coachmen: A driver of a horse-drawn carriage.
- Shivering: Shaking slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold, frightened, or excited.
- Nightfall: The onset of night; dusk.
- Wearily: With extreme tiredness.
- Cloak: A sleeveless outdoor overgarment that hangs loosely from the shoulders.
- Cast down: Sad or worried.
- Bewilderment: A feeling of being perplexed and confused.
- Frightful: Very unpleasant, serious, or shocking.
- Clasp: Grasp something tightly with one's hand.
- Dictated: State or order authoritatively.
- Chaplet: A garland or circlet for a person's head.
- Ruinous: Disastrous or destructive.
- Usurers: A person who lends money at unreasonably high rates of interest.
- Latter: Denoting the second or second mentioned of two people or things.
- Frigid: Stiff or formal in behavior or style.
- Perceive: Become aware or conscious of something; come to realize or understand.
- Substitution: The action of replacing someone or something with another person or thing.

- Lodgings: Temporary accommodation.
- Attic: A space or room inside or partly inside the roof of a building.
- Odious: Extremely unpleasant; repulsive.
- Hagglng: Dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.
- Sous: Small value coin in France.
- Crude: In a natural or raw state; not yet processed or refined.
- Awry: Out of the normal or correct position.
- Pails: A bucket.
- Personage: A person (used to express importance or elevated status).
- Loaned: Lend a sum of money or item of property.
- Decently: In a way that conforms with generally accepted standards of respectable or moral behavior.
- Content: In a state of peaceful happiness.

Chapter 8 – Bholi:

- Cot: Bed.
- Backward: Slow learner.
- Pockmarks: Spots on the skin.
- Stammered: Fumbled for words.
- Mimicked: Copy, imitate.
- Prosperous: Doing well, rich.
- Plenty: A lot of.
- Tehsildar: District collector.
- Representative: Spokesperson.
- Consulted: Discussed.
- Shrunk: Reduced.
- Matted: Untidy.
- Fear-laden: Full of fear.
- Squatted: To sit with one's knees bent.
- Fascinated: Attracted.
- Orchard: Land planted with fruit trees.
- Stammer: Fumble for words.
- Sobbing: Noisy crying.
- Soothing: Reduce pain or discomfort.
- Disgrace: Dishonor, shame.
- Nodded: Bow your head in a direction to give your approval.
- Astonished: Impressed, greatly surprised.
- Blossomed: Grow, bloom.
- Throbbled: Beat, pulse.

- Ginning: The process of treating (ginning) the cotton.
- Proposal: Offer.
- Certainly: Definitely.
- Pock marks: Marks, blemishes.
- Witless: Fool.
- Muttered: Murmur.
- Grocer: A person who sells household goods and food items.
- Procession: March, Parade.
- Splendour: Lavishness.
- Envious: Jealous.
- Auspicious: Good, favorable.
- Clad: Dressed.
- Garland: Wreath of flowers and leaves.
- Veil: Cover.
- Poised: Calm.
- Humiliate: Insult.
- Considerate: Thoughtful.
- Streaming: Flowing.
- Triumphant: Winning.
- Gambled: Bet.
- Downcast: Low, cast down.
- Prospective: Would be.
- Contempt: Disrespect, disregard.
- Struck: Hit, bang.
- Flung: Aim, launch.
- Startled: Sudden shock.
- Thunderstruck: Shocked.
- Contemptible: Offensive.
- Violently: Strong or extreme manner.
- Dumb: Dull.
- Heartless: Unkind.
- Rooted: Fixed.
- Grief: Sorrow.
- Steady: Firm.
- Contemplating: View, observe.

Chapter 9 – The Book that Saved the Earth:

- Museum: A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited.
- Spotlight: A lamp projecting a beam of light on a particular place or person.
- Historian: An expert in or student in history.
- Easel: A wooden frame for holding an artist's work while it is being painted or drawn.
- Zulus:
- Illustrated: Adjective of a book, newspaper.
- Martian: Related to Mars.
- Invasion: Capture, annex.
- Encyclopedia: A book that gives information on many subjects.
- Historiscope: Here, it means a bioscope that shows the history of something.
- Apprentice: Trainee, learner.
- Elaborate: Detailed, complicated.
- Mighty: Fearsome.
- Peevishly: Irritable.
- Space probe: Research, exploration.
- Ridiculous: Funny, hilarious.
- Generous: Liberal.
- Consult: Seek advice from.
- Earthlings: Here, human beings.
- Primitive ball: Ancient ball.
- Smacking: To hit.
- Catalogue: List, category.
- Lieutenant: Deputy, an army rank.
- Sergeant: Officer ranking below a lieutenant.
- Riffling: Shuffling.
- Crew: Team.
- Incident: Happening.
- Barn: Shelter, outhouse.
- Clue: Idea.
- Peculiar: Strange.
- Galaxies: Solar system.
- Haberdashery: Sewing items such as buttons, needles, etc.
- Elementary: Easy, basic.
- Staple food: A routine food.
- Squints: Look with/through narrowed eyes.
- Gulping: To swallow.

- Dubiously: With hesitation or doubt.
- Breathlessly: Not able to breathe easily.
- Pantomimes: Comedy based on nursery story/rhyme. Here, it means a comic expression on the face.
- Insignificant: Less important.
- Surveyor: An official inspector.
- Trifling: Unimportant.
- Intently: Keenly.
- Twirl: Turn round.
- Observe: Notice.
- Squiggles: A short line that curls and loops in an irregular way.
- Magnificent: Glorious, majestic.
- Stiffly: Non-flexible.
- Gulps: Swallow.
- Simultaneously: At the same time.
- Decipher: Decode.
- Transcribe: Put thoughts into written form.
- Cockle shells: Shell.
- Levity: Carefree attitude.
- Gravely: In a serious manner.
- Diddle: Cheat.
- Fiddle: Fraud, cheat.
- Cease: Stop.
- Desist: Hold back.
- Civilizations: Human development.
- Domesticated: To tame a pet.
- Interplanetary: Between the planets.
- Capsule: Here, it means a spacecraft.
- Alpha Centauri: The closest star to our solar system.
- Chuckling: Laugh quietly.
- Resumed: Restart, begin with.