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Silas Marner - George Eliot

About the book

: "Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe" is published in 1861. The book is popular because it deals with universal themes such as community, isolation, wealth, faith, and family.

About the author

: Mary Ann Evans (1819~1880), known by her pen name George Eliot, was one of the leading writers of the Victorian era. Unlike other female writers at that time, she kept her pen name to escape the stereotype of women's writing being lighthearted and not serious. Her 1871 novel Middlemarch is considered one of the greatest novels written in English.

Summary

: Betrayed by his best friend, Silas Marner leaves the city and settles near the rural village of Raveloe. He earns his living as a linen weaver and tries not to have contact with villagers. His only joy in life is collecting gold coins. He spends as little as he can in order to save more coins, which he hides in a hole in his cottage floor.

The richest person in Raveloe is Squire Cass. He has two sons, Godfrey Cass and Dunstan Cass. One day Dunstan, who is a wicked man, breaks into Marner's empty cottage and steals the gold.

Vocabulary

supper	저녁 식사
guinea	기니 (과거 영국 화폐 단위)
feast	잔치, 파티
loom	베틀, 방직기
sweep	쓸다, 비질하다
leap	펼쩍 뛰다, 도약하다
at once	즉시, 동시에
deceive	속이다, 사기를 치다
steady	안정시키다 / 꾸준한
resolution	결심, 다짐
knead	주무르다, 반죽하다
refuge	피난처

[Read It Yourself]

As soon as he was warm he began to think it would be a long while to wait till after supper before he drew out his guineas, and it would be pleasant to see them on the table before him as he ate his unwonted feast. For joy is the best of wine, and Silas's guineas were a golden wine of that sort.

He rose and placed his candle unsuspectingly on the floor near his loom, swept away the sand without noticing any change, and removed the bricks. The sight of the empty hole made his heart leap violently, but the belief that his gold was gone could not come at once - only terror,



and the eager effort to put an end to the terror. He passed his trembling hand all about the hole, trying to think it possible that his eyes had deceived him; then he held the candle in the hole and examined it curiously, trembling more and more. At last he shook so violently that he let fall the candle, and lifted his hands to his head, trying to steady himself that he might think. Had he put his gold somewhere else, by a sudden resolution last night, and then forgotten it?

He searched in every corner, he turned his bed over, and shook it, and kneaded it; he looked in his brick oven where he laid his sticks.

When there was no other place to be searched, he kneeled down again and felt once more all round the hole. There was no untried refuge left for a moment's shelter from the terrible truth.

[16 years later]

Silas sat in silence a few minutes, looking at the money. "It takes no hold of me now," he said, ponderingly - "the money doesn't. I wonder if it ever could again - I doubt it might, if I lost you, Eppie."

Quest

: You might wonder what made a miser like Marner become a completely different person. Something important must have happened. Find out what happened to Marner after he lost his gold.