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Chapter-4



Anne Frank

From the Diary of Anne Frank

Part - 1

Neha Rajvanshi

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BEFORE YOU READ

- Anneliese Marie 'Anne' Frank (12 June 1929 – February/ March 1945) was a German – born Jewish girl who wrote while in hiding with her family and four friends in Amsterdam during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II.

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- After two years in hiding, the group was betrayed and transported to the concentration camp system where Anne died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen within days of her sister, Margot Frank.

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- Her father, Otto, the only survivor of the group, returned to Amsterdam after the war ended, to find that her diary had been saved.
- Convinced that it was a unique record, he took action to have it published in English under the name The Diary of a Young Girl.

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- Anne Frank has become one of the most renowned and discussed of the Holocaust victims.

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musings : विचार

WRITING in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old school girl.

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Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

'Paper has more patience than people.'

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depressed : उदास
listless: निरुत्साही

I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out.

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brooding: विचार मग्न

grandly : गर्व से



I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

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prompted : प्रोत्साहित होना

Now I'm back to the point that prompted me to keep a diary in the first place: I don't have a friend.

Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world.

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And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend.

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confide : रहस्य बताना

All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don't confide in each other.

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liable : उत्तरदायी

enhance : बढ़ाना

In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately they're not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

To enhance the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination,

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jot down : अचानक लिखना प्रारम्भ करना

I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend 'Kitty'.

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plunge : सीधे विषय पर आना
adorable : प्रिय

Since no one would understand a word of my stories to Kitty if I were to plunge right in, I'd better provide a brief sketch of my life, much as I dislike doing so. My father, the most adorable father I've ever seen, didn't marry my mother until he was thirty-six and she was twenty-five.

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emigrated : अपना देश छोड़कर दूसरे देश में जाना

My sister, Margot, was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12 June 1929. I lived in Frankfurt until I was four. My father emigrated to Holland in 1933.