





## **The Lost Umbrella - Kindness in the Rain**

Imagine a rainy day and how it brings gloom to everyone's mood. In this beautiful story, we follow the journey of a lost umbrella and the series of events it triggers among strangers. Sometimes, a small act of selflessness can lead to unexpected connections and warmth even on the stormiest of days.

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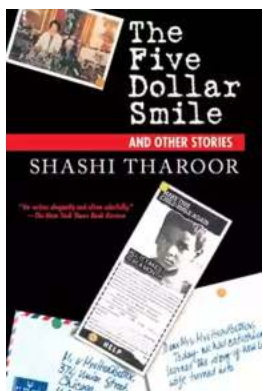
Joan, an elderly woman living alone, decides to embark on a journey of rediscovering the beauty of simple pleasures. She visits her favorite pastry store, where the kind-hearted owner and a group of strangers plan an unforgettable surprise that will touch her heart forever. This heartwarming tale teaches us that spreading joy and creating beautiful memories doesn't have an age limit.

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Meet Sarah, a woman on the verge of losing faith in humanity after a series of unfortunate events. However, an unexpected encounter with a wise old man in a park changes her perspective and sets her on a path of rediscovering gratitude and the power it holds to transform lives.

These are just a few stories from *The Five Dollar Smile and Other Stories*, a captivating collection that showcases the immense power of kindness, compassion, and selflessness. Each story will leave you inspired, with a renewed faith in the inherent goodness of humanity.

So, the next time you feel a heavy heart or come across an opportunity to brighten someone's day, take a moment to remember these remarkable stories and be the reason someone smiles. Remember, even the smallest act of kindness can have a ripple effect that reaches far beyond what we can imagine.



## The Five Dollar Smile: And Other Stories

by Shashi Tharoor (Kindle Edition)

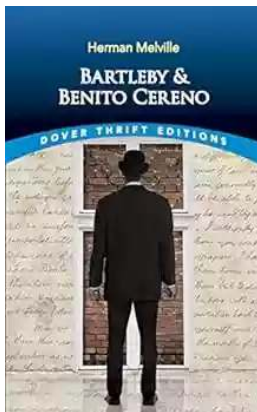
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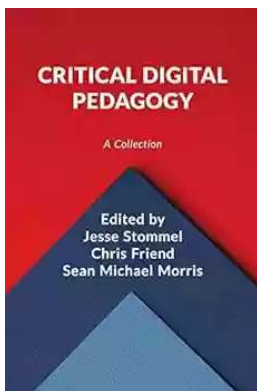
This touching and funny collection of stories showcases Tharoor's daunting literary acumen, as well as the keen sensitivity that informs his ability to write profoundly and entertainingly on themes ranging from family conflict to death. In the title story, written in a lonely hotel room in Geneva soon after the author began his work with the United Nations, a young Indian orphan is on his way to visit America for the first time, and his anguish and longing in the airplane seem hardly different from those of any American child. Tharoor's admiration for P. G.

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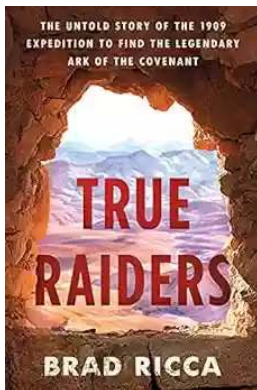
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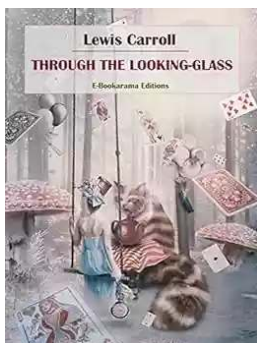
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