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[*Penguin Readers Level 3*]

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One day Rafael was well; the next day he was completely mad. What happened to him? The story of Rafael and his gold ring is a strange story of murder, mystery and love. Many people know part of the story. But only Rafael knows the true facts. And Rafael is mad.

## The Ring Details

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## Haruka Fujimoto says

1. Penguin level3
2. 5/16 20min. 5/18 30min. 5/19 30min.
3. A: Rafael found the ring in the Shark's mouth.  
He notice that Anita was killed by the shark.  
B: It was little scary, because they found the shark which killed her by chance.
4. I have not finished read yet this book. This story is little scary, but It is easy to read!

1. Penguin level3
  2. 5/22 30min. 5/25 20min.
  3. Seven word summery  
boy-uncle-Rafael-boat-girlfriend-shark-killed
  - 4a. The ring was the promise of their love.
  - 4b. I surprised at this ring is promise of their love.
  5. This story is easy to read I think! I understand Rafael really liked his girlfriend
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## Madoka Sakuta says

penguin readers level3 pre intermediate

time chapter1~ chapter8 80min

7word

Rafael story crazy woman soldier dance ring

Discusstion question

1 Did you remember your childhood? What did you remember?

When I was a child, I liked summer festival in the park.

It called "Bon odori" in Japanese.

I put on the yukata, and danced with my friends.

I went a lot of summer festivals with my frinends.

I had a great time.

2 What is your treasure?

My albums. There are a lot of pictures.

When I showed those, I remember many things.

Comment

Actually, I read another book, but I returned the book in the libraly.

I am reading this book now. Rafael is a strange person but he was a good person many years ago.

I am looking forward to what happned him. Also, I do not still know why he lives alone.

time chapter9~ last 60min June1

7words

ask story ring secret doctor truth share

Discussion question

1 Have you ever given a person whom you love something?

Yes. On the Valentine's day, I gave him chocolate which I made.

I did not often cook, but I tried.

When I gave him, I was very nervous but excited.

2 Recently, did you feel dreadful?

When I went to home, my brother was watching horror film and

I watched dreadful ghosts.

I hate horror movie.

Comment

When I read the last chapter, I was surprised and felt dreadful. It is because Rafael found the fingers with the ring. I could not imagine those things happened last chapter. This story was mystery and love story. It was funny and dreadful.

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## Misaki Arafuka says

-Level

Penguin Readers/3

-Time

90min

-7words

man/poor/love/girl/work/disappear /mad

-Question

1) If you are poor but love a boy who is rich, what do you do to marry him?

- I do housework very hard to be considered as a good woman by her father.

2) If the boy who you love disappears suddenly, what do you do?

- I am absorbed in doing something to forget him.

-Good scene

The scene that Rafael worked hard and bought a gold ring to be considered as a hard worker by her father. It means that he loves her deeply! I think money is not as important as one's personality.

-Story

Rafael was a kind and hard worker, but one day he became mad! Why did Rafael become mad? The story is mystery and love story.

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## **Anri says**

-PENGUIN, level 3.

-Time: 10/22 = 30 minutes; 10/23 = 60 minutes; 10/24 = 50 minutes.

-7-word summary: mad - shark - ring - soldier - poor - rich - kill

-Discussion questions:

1. Do you think love sometimes makes people crazy?

-Yes. There are people who try to kill their lovers because they are afraid of being stolen their lovers by someone.

2. The person who is loved by everyone is always good ?

-No. I think he/she has two faces like Anita in this book. Giving only good things makes people proud and lazy.

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## **Haruka Sakai says**

-penguin readers

-12/12 95min.

-love, mad, ugly, mystery, murder, poor, nobody know

-In this story, Rafael's father was killed by a shark, so Rafael like to kill sharks. What do you think of him?

I think he is completely mad. Because the sharks he killed were not the shark which killed his father, so his action doesn't mean anything.

-He loved a beautiful girl of his village, but she eloped with a soldier, so he was broken heart. What is the best healing for you when you are broken heart?

Even if my lover has a girl friend, and i am broken heart, I will tell him that I loved you and I may be not able to forget him for a long time. But I will try to find a new cool guy.

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## **Angela Soegijono says**

The story of a madman, Rafael who loves a girl, Anita, very much. He kills the man who steals the girl's heart. Unfortunately, what he does, makes his loved one dies.

This is a teaching book from Cambridge. The stories inside are easy to understand.

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## Sukyna says

Bernard Smith wrote this story as a teaching book, so the language was easy to understand, and the plot was not that sophisticated but highly enjoyable.

Anita was loved by everyone and especially by Rafael and Carlos, but she couldn't belong to both of them at the same time, so it all ended up with a lot of damage to every living soul in their village.

I would recommend this book to everyone, especially to those who are new to reading English books.

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## Kaoru Kawaguchi says

Penguinreaders, level 3, 11/30=30min, 12/03=30min, 12/05=30min

7 words: man, Rafael, mad, ring, doctor, Anita, kill

Have you met the person who you became mad?

>No, but I feel I want to meet the person who I fall head over heels in love.

If the person who you fall in love is not interested in you, what do you do? Do you give up your love?

>That's a difficult question but I want to continue to love if I can do it.

At first, I thought this book looked interesting and romantic story but actually it doesn't. This book's title became very important keyword in this book. I want to fall in love the person who I will be mad at least once.

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## Nastya JK says

Me lo dio mi profesora para leer en inglés. Es muy cortito y me gustó mucho, y el inglés (por suerte) fue muy fácil de entender.

Cuando me lo recomendó me dijo "tiene misterio, amor, traición, muertes..." y yo pensaba *no puede tener todo eso en tan pocas páginas pero sí lo tiene. Y fue genial.*

Cuando leí de qué se trataba me llamó mucho la atención y después de leerlo no me decepcionó.

Una historia muy corta pero interesante. No me esperaba casi nada de lo que pasaba y me tenía muy atrapada.

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## Satomi says

As this book is for pre-intermediate English learners, the English is very easy. I am impressed at this dark story written very simply, but mysteriously. I will give this book to my son, but I doubt he will read it...

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## **Ayumu Sasaki says**

Penguin Reader ; Level 3

Time: 60 min.

7 word summary: mad - poor - beach - boat - soldier - ring - girl

Discussion Question

1. If you meet someone who is homeless, what do you do?  
- Maybe, i cannot look them in the face and cannot help them.
2. If you are poor, what do you do to live?  
- If there is something I can do, i will do it by doing my best.

Time: 90min.

7 word summary: love - gold - ring - stranger - jealousy - murder - atonement

Discussion Question

1. In this story, many people keep their promises in secret and these secrets made story complicated.  
Question. Can you keep something important things your friends ask not to talk in secret perfectly?  
- Yes, if they were very serious, i won't break promises and think I have to do so.
  2. What do you want to present someone who you love the most?  
- I'll give someone something special for who.
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## **Alejandro Mahehca says**

IT'S A GOOD BOOK. I LIKW IT.

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## **Yukino says**

- Penguin readers, level 3

- Time=75 mins

- 7-word summary= poor-man-loved-rich-girl-became-mad

- Discussion questions

1. If you leave your home town to go to study, do you want to go back to your home town after graduate?  
Actually, no. Because I prefer to live in cities. Living in cities is more convenient and comfortable for me!
  2. When you see someone mad, what would you do?  
Maybe I would be afraid of them, and try not to get close to them.
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## **Priscila says**

Puede ser que no sea más que un cuento para aprender el idioma, pero esta pequeña historia me llegó al corazón. Al leerlo no dejé de sentir angustia y tristeza, sobre todo cuando todas las piezas del rompecabezas se unen y revelan el crudo final. Me gustó el escenario que planteaba el libro y las respectivas personalidades de los personajes. Pero sobre todo, la que más me llamo la atención fue la de Anita, la cual rompe cualquier estereotipo de la típica-mujer-soñada, con serios problemas de atención y una desmedida obsesión porque su vida sea un cuento de hadas. Me encantó y tenía todo lo necesario para ser especial.

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## **Akari Yamashita says**

Penguin active reading, level 3

Time I forgot the time, but about 90min

7-word summary

man- mad- ring- woman- love- soldier- kill

Q1. If you love people, but she or he can't accept you, do you give up?

A1. No. I will continue to love him and confess my love again.

Q2. Have you got ring from someone?

A1. Yes:) Last year, I got a ring from my boyfriend and I also gave a ring to him.

This story was very sad ending. Rafael loved Anita, but but the soldier came and he lost Anita. Finally he tried to kill the soldier, and he killed him, but he also killed Anita. Thinking about his feeling I was very sad, I understood why he became a mad man.

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