

Book Title: A Christmas Carol

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Synopsis / Summary:

This story is about the Christmas experience of Ebenezer Scrooge. It was set in the 19th century England. Scrooge was a mean and cold hearted man who loved money very much. He never shared his wealth with anyone else. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge's secretary, Bob Cratchit, was working at his office shivering because Scrooge was greedy and wouldn't pay for the fee of coal. Then, some charity volunteers came to Scrooge's office and asked for some money for the homeless and the poor. However, Scrooge refused to give any money. The coldness inside him always froze his old face.

At night, the ghost of Jacob Marley (Scrooge's dead business partner), the Ghost of Past, Present and Yet-to-Come visited Scrooge. They showed him the errors of his life by recalling his memories. Besides, they warned him that if he wouldn't change his attitude to others, he would be lonely forever.

Without any love and friendship, Scrooge probably would end up just like his dead friend, Marley, who became a ghost that covered with chains and stuff.

Fortunately, Scrooge learnt his lesson at last and became a really nice man that represented the spirit of Christmas. Besides, he cared and loved people around and donated money to the poor. Moreover, he gave a lot of money to his poor secretary, Bob. From then on, Scrooge became a delightful and generous man.

Personal Reflection:

This story is perfectly written. I have learnt a lot from this wonderful story. I have learnt to be kind-hearted, generous, considerate and caring. Besides, I have learnt to share our happiness and sorrow with others. My favourite character is Tiny Tim. Although he is paralyzed, he always feels optimistic and never gives up. He cheers his family members up and gives them strengths. He is a role model to me.

I am quite impressed by Scrooge because of his special adventures. His changes are so unexpected. It is hard to believe a man who is cold-hearted and inconsiderate before changes into a warm-hearted man.

After all, there is an old saying "helping and serving others is the foundation of happiness". We shouldn't be narrow-minded and selfish but kind-hearted. It makes us happy.

This is a perfect story. I love it very much! I hope you can enjoy this story and find some insights from it.