

The Ring

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While reading

Chapters 1–4

1 Who in Chapter 1 ...

- a had a terrible secret?
- b told their stories to the narrator?
.....
- c lied to the narrator?
- d saw Rafael in the boathouse?
- e had long hair and a beard?
- f threw stones at Rafael?
- g lives in the house at the end of the village?
.....
- h called to the narrator to help him?
.....
- i studied to be a doctor?
- j did the narrator find on the beach when he
went back 12 years later?

2 Put in order the story of Manuel's death from Chapter 2. Write numbers 1–10.

- a Manuel became weak and sleepy.
- b Manuel fell asleep and his heart stopped.
- c Manuel smoked a cigarette.
- d Manuel went cold.
- e Manuel went into the water to do
something with the nets.
- f Manuel went white.
- g Something happened to the nets.
- h Suddenly a shark attacked Manuel.
- i The men put a shirt round the top of
Manuel's legs.
- j The shark bit off one of Manuel's legs.

3 Match each adjective with a noun to make phrases from Chapter 3.

a beautiful	1) books
b village	2) boys
c small	3) brothers and sisters
d good	4) child
e picture	5) fisherman
f story	6) girl
g little	7) magazines
h big	8) plans
i poor	9) town
j another	10) village

4 Underline the mistakes and write the right words.

- a Anita was two years older than Rafael.
- b The soldier's name was Carl.

- c He fought in America and many other places.
- d He had a small boat with a sail.
- e He saw Anita telling a story to a group of
fishermen.
- f Soon the soldier came twice a week, on
Tuesdays and Sundays.
- g Miguel watched the soldier go out to his boat
with Anita.

Chapters 5–7

5 What strange things happened on the night that Anita disappeared?

.....
.....
.....

6 Complete these sentences about with a word from the box.

animal	boat	clothes	coast	donkey
meal	music	noise	paraffin	ring
rocks	shop	stories	village	

- a The soldier arrived in his in the
early afternoon.
- b He went to Rodrigo's
- c He had a big can of for
Rodrigo's new lamp.
- d He had a with Rodrigo.
- e He came to the café and told lots of funny
.....
- f Rafael came into the café in his best
.....
- g The soldier went at about ten o'clock and
they heard the of his engine.
- h Rafael stood up and started to dance to the
.....
- i The next morning the news about Anita
went round the like fire.
- j Rafael went down the in his
boat to look for her.
- k Santiago couldn't find his and
said Anita took it.
- l Some fishermen found Rafael in the
afternoon in a quiet place near the high
.....
- m He was like a mad
- n He had the gold on a fishing line
round his neck.

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- 7 **Underline the wrong words and write the right ones.**
- a Rodrigo had a fine restaurant.
 - b Rodrigo was poor.
 - c Clara's husband was killed by a donkey.
 - d Rodrigo gave food and a house to Clara and Rafael.
 - e Rodrigo lived on the beach like a fish.
 - f Luis Valdez has a boat just outside the village.
 - g The doctor went to Luis's house to listen to Anita's story.

Chapters 8–12

- 8 **Which of these adjectives and phrases does Marta use to describe Anita in Chapter 8?**
 always in trouble lazy angry beautiful
 lucky clear voice never helped clever
 never worked full of stories proud happy
 strange and silly ideas in love kind terrible
 long and pink fingernails very good child

9 **Are these sentences about Chapter 9 right (✓) or wrong (X) or not given (?)?**

- a Anita stayed with her parents that night and talked to the soldier.
- b Anita took things out of her box and put them in a bag.
- c Anita sometimes met the soldier in the same place that she met Rafael.
- d Anita's 'true prince' was the soldier.
- e Anita was wearing the gold fish ring when she left.
- f Anita gave the fish ring back to Rafael and told him about her plans.
- g Rafael went mad because she didn't return.
- h Marta wrote a story about a magic ring.

10 **Finish these sentences from Chapters 10–12.**

- a Anita's story was not very good because
- b Rafael and the soldier were looking at each other in the café like
- c Village people are afraid of hospitals because they believe that

- d Rafael's mother knew that he was mad because
- e When Clara saw Rafael covered with blood she told him to
- f Rafael couldn't catch the soldier's boat because
- g The doctor thought that it was not possible that Rafael
- h The doctor felt that Rafael's mystery was going to

Chapters 13–15

11 **The doctor asks himself some questions in Chapter 13, but cannot find good answers. Complete his answers. Then check with the information in Chapter 13.**

- a Did Rafael kill someone? Whom did he kill?
Not the soldier because ...
Not Anita because ...
- b If the soldier was killed, who killed him?
Not Rafael because ...
Not Anita because ...
- c If Anita was killed, who killed her?
Not Rafael because ...
If the soldier killed her, why ...

12 **Put in order these sentences from Chapters 14–15. Write numbers 1–9.**

- a Anita stopped meeting Rafael.
- b Rafael gave Anita the gold ring.
- c Rafael killed Santiago's donkey, cut it up and put the pieces in the sea near the high rocks.
- d Rafael made a plan to kill the soldier.
- e Rafael saw Anita meeting the soldier in secret at a special place near the high rocks.
- f Rafael tied the donkey's back legs to the soldier's boat.
- g Rafael went to the café and saw the soldier.
- h That Sunday, the soldier arrived at the village.
- i The soldier came to the village.

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1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- a Rafael went
- b Twelve years later, Rafael's face
- c Rafael's mother
- d When Rafael's father was attacked by the shark,
- e The men covered Rafael's father with their clothes
- f Rafael always hated sharks because of
- g Rafael fell in love with Anita,
- 1) mad a year ago.
- 2) to keep him warm.
- 3) what happened to his father.
- 4) was dead.
- 5) the other fishermen could do nothing to help him.
- 6) the shopkeeper's daughter.
- 7) looked thinner and ill.

2 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Rodrigo told Anita to read and sing.
- b Rodrigo wanted Anita to marry someone from the village who was a farmer.
- c The soldier gave a donkey to the café's owner as a present.
- d Rodrigo lost his favourite daughter but he did not go away.
- e Rafael wears a gold ring round his finger.

3 Circle the right words.

- a Rodrigo didn't want Rafael to marry Anita
- 1) because he had nothing to give her.
- 2) because he was not young.
- b Rafael wanted a gold ring from
- 1) the shopkeeper.
- 2) the goldsmith.
- c Rafael still has the ring
- 1) at the house boat.
- 2) on a fishing line.
- d Santiago's donkey
- 1) was too old and weak.
- 2) was big and fast.

4 Match the questions and the answers.

- a What did the soldier know about Rafael?
- b What was the girl on the cassette singing?
- c What couldn't Santiago find?
- d What happened to Clara's husband?
- e Where and how did Rafael live?
- f Who was Marta?
- 1) A love song.
- 2) That he wanted to marry Anita.

- 3) His old donkey.
- 4) On the beach like an animal.
- 5) Rodrigo's second cousin.
- 6) He was killed by a shark.

5 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Anita's sister said that Anita was beautiful and clever but not very good.
- b Anita met her "prince" in secret at night.
- c Anita wore the ring that the secret prince gave her all the time.
- d One night Anita left her home to meet her true love but then she came back.

6 Circle the right words.

- a Sometimes Anita kept her gold ring under *the carpet / her clothes*.
- b When Rafael left the village to get money he worked for *a fisherman / a goldsmith*.
- c Rafael was so ill that they took him to hospital *on a donkey / in an ambulance*.
- d Before dying Rafael told *the truth / lies* to the doctor.
- e Rafael died of *tuberculosis / madness*.

7 Finish the sentences.

- a The medicines will help Rafael
- b Rosa did not want the doctor to take Rafael to
- c Rafael is mad
- d Rosa promised Clara
- e Rafael told Clara that he killed
- f Rosa never told anyone about Rafael's secret because
- g When Rafael arrived at the hospital in an ambulance, he was
- h When Rafael opened his eyes after two days in hospital he asked if he
- i Rafael and Anita used to meet in a secret place
- j The ring Rafael gave Anita was like the magic ring in her story. It was the promise
- k When Anita thought Rafael was very boring, she
- l While Anita and the soldier kissed,
- m Rafael kept the back legs of the donkey on the boat to
- n When Clara saw the blood on the clothes of her son, the soldier