

The Ransom of Red Chief and Other Stories

The Ransom of Red Chief and Other Stories is a collection of five stories written by O. Henry. The main story tells of a young boy held for ransom by two criminals, they claim a ransom of \$2000 but they don't know that the boy is a terrible, small, maleficent child. One other story is "The Gift of the Magi", it is about a young married couple and how they buy Christmas gifts for each other with little money and many sacrifices. "The Last Leaf" is about a woman that has come down with pneumonia and is close to death; outside the window of the hospital there is a wall with a vine, she decides that when the last leaf falls down she will die. But her best friend Sue finds a way to help her. "One thousand dollars" is a story about what people do for love, a man is bequeathed \$1000 by his uncle and he wants to share them with a friend.

In my opinion "The Gift of the Magi" is the best story because it is a moving, delicate story of love and self-sacrifice and it has a happy-ending.

Slanzi Alberto 2^{BE}