

**Chapter 1 : The Happiness and Other Short Stories | The Sun Sowed in 1/2**

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They were honest and hardworking. Every day, they would venture into the forest to fell wood. Later, they would sell it in the market where it would fetch a decent price. Thus, their life continued in this manner. However, the brothers were always sad and morose. Even though they lived a good life, they were unhappy. Each one hankered for something or the other and would pine for it. One day, while Samuel, Timothy and Xander were returning home from the woods carrying their bundle of logs, they saw an old haggard woman bent low with a sack on her back. As they were kind and compassionate, the brothers immediately approached the poor woman and offered to carry the sack all the way to her home. She smiled and expressed her gratefulness, while replying that the sack actually contained apples that she had collected in the forest. Now, this old woman was no ordinary person and had magical powers. The woman asked what would make them happy. Each brother spoke of a different thing that would please him. Go home, and each of you shall find exactly what you have wished for. Nevertheless, they took leave and returned home. But lo behold, beside their cottage, there was a huge mansion with a doorman and other servants waiting outside! They greeted Samuel and ushered him in. At some distance, a yellow farmland showed itself. A ploughman came and announced that it belonged to Timothy. Just at that moment, a beautiful maiden approached Xander and coyly said that she was his wife. The brothers were beside themselves with joy at this new turn of events. They thanked their lucky stars and adapted to their new lifestyles. The days passed and soon a year was over. The situation was however, now different for Samuel, Timothy and Xander. Samuel had grown tired of owning the mansion. He became lazy and did not supervise his servants into taking proper care of the mansion. Timothy, who had built a decent house next to his farmland, found it burdensome to plough the fields and sow seeds from time to time. Xander too, grew used to his beautiful wife and no longer found any joy in keeping her company. In short, all of them were unhappy again. One day, the three of them met up and decided to visit the old woman at her home. However, since we are no longer happy, we must go and seek her help now. When they came to the old woman, she was cooking stew in a pot. Greeting her, each of the brothers recounted how he had turned unhappy again. See, when each of you made his wish and it was granted, you were happy. However, happiness never lasts without a very important thing – content. Earlier, since you were happy but never really content or satisfied, boredom and misery overcame you and you became sad again. Only if you learn to be content, can you truly enjoy the bliss of happiness. They saw how lucky they were to have the gifts for which they had once craved. Samuel felt grateful for being the owner of a mansion and began taking good care of it. Timothy began to plough his land diligently so as to have a good harvest in time. Remembering that happiness and content went side by side, never again did the brothers take their blessings for granted. And thus, they lived happily ever after.

**Chapter 2 : Short Stories: The Secret Garden by G. K. Chesterton**

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How Do I Cultivate It? Based on her research, Lyubomirsky has concluded that roughly 50 percent of happiness is determined by our genes and 10 percent by our life circumstance, but 40 percent depends on our daily activities. Here are some specific, science-based activities for cultivating happiness on our new site Greater Good in Action: Recall and describe a time when you experienced awe. Imagine your life going as well as it possibly could, then write about this best possible future. Best Possible Self for Relationships: Imagine your relationship going as well as it possibly could. Mental Subtraction of Positive Events: Visualize what your life would be like without the good things you have. Photograph, then write about, things that are meaningful to you. Invest in your relationships by spending quality time with people you care about. Create a collection of positive experiences to surprise your future self. And here are some of the keys to happiness Lyubomirsky and other researchers have identified. Perhaps the dominant finding from happiness research is that social connections are key to happiness. Rather than constantly monitoring your emotions and striving to feel better, try to organize your daily life around activities that are naturally enjoyable—including some of the ones below. Practice savoring , the art of maintaining and deepening positive feelings by becoming more aware of them. Research suggests that our ability to savor impacts how much of a mood boost we get from happy events. Research by Michael McCullough, Robert Emmons , Lyubomirsky, and others has revealed the power of simply counting our blessings on a regular basis. Research by Elizabeth Dunn and her colleagues finds that people report greater happiness when they spend money on others than when they spend it on themselves, even though they initially think the opposite would be true. Similarly, neuroscience research shows that when we do nice things for others, our brains light up in areas associated with pleasure and reward. Groundbreaking studies by Everett Worthington , Michael McCullough , and their colleagues show that when we forgive those who have wronged us, we feel better about ourselves, experience more positive emotions, and feel closer to others. Studies show that regular physical activity increases happiness and self-esteem, reduces anxiety and stress, and can even lift symptoms of depression. Spend time in nature: People who are more connected to nature tend to experience more positive emotions, vitality, and life satisfaction. Research has consistently linked lower sleep to lower happiness. Studies show that people who practice mindfulness —the moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, feelings, and external circumstances—not only have stronger immune systems but are more likely to be happy and enjoy greater life satisfaction, and they are less likely to be hostile or anxious. Pioneering research by Richard Davidson, Jon Kabat-Zinn , and others has found that a basic eight-week mindfulness training program can significantly improve our physical and psychological well-being. Spend money in the right ways by buying social experiences, giving to others, and expressing your identity. It also suggests why more egalitarian countries consistently rank among the happiest in the world. Find the right fit: Understanding yourself better can help you choose habits that align with your personality, your situation, and your goals. What Are the Pitfalls and Limitations of Happiness? Paradoxically, it may require making room for negative emotions: High emotion diversity —experiencing many positive and negative emotions—is linked to less depression, more than high levels of positive emotion alone. Experiencing major adversity can actually help us better savor the present moment. Intense or manic levels of happiness may not afford us the same creativity boost and cognitive flexibility that happiness typically does.

**Chapter 3 : 10 Merry Words for Happiness - Everything After Z by [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com)**

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These were, however, reassured by his confidential servant, Ivan, the old man with a scar, and a face almost as grey as his moustaches, who always sat at a table in the entrance hall—a hall hung with weapons. It was an old house, with high walls and tall poplars almost overhanging the Seine; but the oddity—and perhaps the police value—of its architecture was this: The garden was large and elaborate, and there were many exits from the house into the garden. But there was no exit from the garden into the world outside; all round it ran a tall, smooth, unscalable wall with special spikes at the top; no bad garden, perhaps, for a man to reflect in whom some hundred criminals had sworn to kill. As Ivan explained to the guests, their host had telephoned that he was detained for ten minutes. He was, in truth, making some last arrangements about executions and such ugly things; and though these duties were rootedly repulsive to him, he always performed them with precision. Ruthless in the pursuit of criminals, he was very mild about their punishment. Since he had been supreme over French—and largely over European—policial methods, his great influence had been honourably used for the mitigation of sentences and the purification of prisons. He was one of the great humanitarian French freethinkers; and the only thing wrong with them is that they make mercy even colder than justice. When Valentin arrived he was already dressed in black clothes and the red rosette—an elegant figure, his dark beard already streaked with grey. He went straight through his house to his study, which opened on the grounds behind. The garden door of it was open, and after he had carefully locked his box in its official place, he stood for a few seconds at the open door looking out upon the garden. A sharp moon was fighting with the flying rags and tatters of a storm, and Valentin regarded it with a wistfulness unusual in such scientific natures as his. Perhaps such scientific natures have some psychic prevision of the most tremendous problem of their lives. From any such occult mood, at least, he quickly recovered, for he knew he was late, and that his guests had already begun to arrive. A glance at his drawing-room when he entered it was enough to make certain that his principal guest was not there, at any rate. He saw all the other pillars of the little party; he saw Lord Galloway, the English Ambassador—a choleric old man with a russet face like an apple, wearing the blue ribbon of the Garter. He saw Lady Galloway, slim and threadlike, with silver hair and a face sensitive and superior. He saw her daughter, Lady Margaret Graham, a pale and pretty girl with an elfish face and copper-coloured hair. He saw the Duchess of Mont St. Michel, black-eyed and opulent, and with her her two daughters, black-eyed and opulent also. Simon, a typical French scientist, with glasses, a pointed brown beard, and a forehead barred with those parallel wrinkles which are the penalty of superciliousness, since they come through constantly elevating the eyebrows. He saw—perhaps with more interest than any of these—a tall man in uniform, who had bowed to the Galloways without receiving any very hearty acknowledgment, and who now advanced alone to pay his respects to his host. He was a slim yet somewhat swaggering figure, clean-shaven, dark-haired, and blue-eyed, and, as seemed natural in an officer of that famous regiment of victorious failures and successful suicides, he had an air at once dashing and melancholy. He was by birth an Irish gentleman, and in boyhood had known the Galloways—especially Margaret Graham. He had left his country after some crash of debts, and now expressed his complete freedom from British etiquette by swinging about in uniform, sabre and spurs. No one of them at least was in his eyes the guest of the evening. Valentin was expecting, for special reasons, a man of world-wide fame, whose friendship he had secured during some of his great detective tours and triumphs in the United States. He was expecting Julius K. Brayne, that multi-millionaire whose colossal and even crushing endowments of small religions have occasioned so much easy sport and easier solemnity for the American and English papers. Nobody could quite make out whether Mr. Brayne was an atheist or a Mormon or a Christian Scientist; but he was ready to pour money into any intellectual vessel, so long as it was an untried vessel. One of his hobbies was to wait for the American Shakespeare—a hobby more patient than angling. He admired Walt Whitman, but thought that Luke P. Tanner, of Paris, Pa. He liked anything that he thought "progressive. The solid appearance of Julius K. Brayne

in the room was as decisive as a dinner bell. He had this great quality, which very few of us can claim, that his presence was as big as his absence. He was a huge fellow, as fat as he was tall, clad in complete evening black, without so much relief as a watch-chain or a ring. Not long, however, did that salon merely stare at the celebrated American; his lateness had already become a domestic problem, and he was sent with all speed into the dining-room with Lady Galloway on his arm. Except on one point the Galloways were genial and casual enough. Nevertheless, old Lord Galloway was restless and almost rude. He was left over the coffee with Brayne, the hoary Yankee who believed in all religions, and Valentin, the grizzled Frenchman who believed in none. They could argue with each other, but neither could appeal to him. After a time this "progressive" logomachy had reached a crisis of tedium; Lord Galloway got up also and sought the drawing-room. He lost his way in long passages for some six or eight minutes: They also, he thought with a curse, were probably arguing about "science and religion. The moon with her scimitar had now ripped up and rolled away all the storm-wrack. The argent light lit up all four corners of the garden. He vanished through the French windows into the house, leaving Lord Galloway in an indescribable temper, at once virulent and vague. The blue-and-silver garden, like a scene in a theatre, seemed to taunt him with all that tyrannic tenderness against which his worldly authority was at war. He was trapped as if by magic into a garden of troubadours, a Watteau fairyland; and, willing to shake off such amorous imbecilities by speech, he stepped briskly after his enemy. As he did so he tripped over some tree or stone in the grass; looked down at it first with irritation and then a second time with curiosity. The next instant the moon and the tall poplars looked at an unusual sight—a elderly English diplomatist running hard and crying or bellowing as he ran. His hoarse shouts brought a pale face to the study door, the beaming glasses and worried brow of Dr. Lord Galloway was crying: It was almost amusing to note his typical transformation; he had come with the common concern of a host and a gentleman, fearing that some guest or servant was ill. When he was told the gory fact, he turned with all his gravity instantly bright and businesslike; for this, however abrupt and awful, was his business. But where is the place? He lay face downwards, so they could only see that his big shoulders were clad in black cloth, and that his big head was bald, except for a wisp or two of brown hair that clung to his skull like wet seaweed. A scarlet serpent of blood crawled from under his fallen face. The head fell away. It had been entirely sundered from the body; whoever had cut his throat had managed to sever the neck as well. Even Valentin was slightly shocked. Simon lifted the head. It was slightly slashed about the neck and jaw, but the face was substantially unhurt. It was a ponderous, yellow face, at once sunken and swollen, with a hawk-like nose and heavy lids—a face of a wicked Roman emperor, with, perhaps, a distant touch of a Chinese emperor. All present seemed to look at it with the coldest eye of ignorance. Nothing else could be noted about the man except that, as they had lifted his body, they had seen underneath it the white gleam of a shirt-front defaced with a red gleam of blood. Simon said, the man had never been of their party. But he might very well have been trying to join it, for he had come dressed for such an occasion. Valentin went down on his hands and knees and examined with his closest professional attention the grass and ground for some twenty yards round the body, in which he was assisted less skillfully by the doctor, and quite vaguely by the English lord. But he was far too just a man to deny the relevance of the remark. Now listen to me, gentlemen. If it can be done without prejudice to my position and duty, we shall all agree that certain distinguished names might well be kept out of this. There are ladies, gentlemen, and there is a foreign ambassador. If we must mark it down as a crime, then it must be followed up as a crime. But till then I can use my own discretion. I am the head of the police; I am so public that I can afford to be private. Please Heaven, I will clear everyone of my own guests before I call in my men to look for anybody else. Gentlemen, upon your honour, you will none of you leave the house till tomorrow at noon; there are bedrooms for all. Simon, I think you know where to find my man, Ivan, in the front hall; he is a confidential man. Tell him to leave another servant on guard and come to me at once. Lord Galloway, you are certainly the best person to tell the ladies what has happened, and prevent a panic. They also must stay. Father Brown and I will remain with the body. Galloway went to the drawing-room and told the terrible news tactfully enough, so that by the time the company assembled there the ladies were already startled and already soothed. Meanwhile the good priest and the good atheist stood at the head and foot of the dead man motionless in the moonlight, like symbolic statues of their two philosophies of death. Ivan, the confidential man with the

scar and the moustaches, came out of the house like a cannon ball, and came racing across the lawn to Valentin like a dog to his master. We must go in and thrash this out in the house. Do you know this man, sir? The detective sat down at a desk quietly, and even without hesitation; but his eye was the iron eye of a judge at assize. He made a few rapid notes upon paper in front of him, and then said shortly: "Brayne," said the Duchess of Mont St. I saw that gentleman walking in the garden when the corpse was still warm. I am not sure. Simon, you have examined it. Or, perhaps, only a very sharp knife?

## Chapter 4 : A Simple Path to Happiness and Success

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To be happy and useful. But we want happiness, too. I think we go about these two important things the wrong way. With some simple changes, I believe anyone can become both happy and successful. The Conventional Success Story A man, dissatisfied with his life, wants to become successful, and, therefore, happy. He has fancy cars, many possessions, and most importantly, a huge mansion. His business is the leader in his industry. Richard continues walking into the ocean. Cody is a little confused, but he follows. Water is now up to their shoulders. Richard turns, and pulls Cody underwater. His seconds are passing away. He struggles even harder. But he is becoming lightheaded. He looks out from the water one last timeâ€ But then he is above water. Richard pulled him out. We often admire these people. You might even want to become like Richard. It was my philosophy, too. In fact, that story inspired me more than anything I had ever heard. I thought constantly about it, trying to apply it to my life. The harder I tried, and the more I went through pain, the closer I came to succeeding. My grades improved because I studied late into the night. My website traffic improved because I obsessed over obtaining links. My writing improved because I spent weeks on one post. The harder I worked and the more I became stressed , the more positive feedback I received. People told me they were proud of the path I was taking. I was sacrificing too much. My mental and physical health was crumbling along with my relationships. I was under a tremendous amount of stress. Life and its small pleasures were slipping away from me. These behaviors were obviously not goodâ€not for my happiness or for the people around me. It was like a nuclear bomb went off in my brain. A minute of reading had shown me that the conventional tactic to success was wrong. So let me get this straight: In other words, gazing at clouds can help me achieve my dreams? I had to try this for myself. Peaceful Efficiency I started learning and applying smart habits. I started waking up early and letting go of expectations and goals instead, doing what excites me. I started reading for fun again not just out of textbooks , strengthened my body, started running, began to eat natural instead of out of vending machines , and focused on my loved ones. I became happy and peaceful. Instead of dreading the day, I woke up excited to start. And a strange thing happened: My happiness led to improved efficiency. I was working less, having more fun, and getting more done. I am at peace, yet I am getting more accomplished than ever. My mind is clear and I am full of energy. My work is now full of passion. In a short period of passionate work, I accomplish more than I used to in hours. My life is happier, and I can go back to my dreams fresher than ever. I used to stress over every word I wrote. Now I let my writing flow. I actually publish my writing now. My grades have improved too. Now I relax and attempt to enjoy the class. I learn not because of the grades, but to learn, and this has improved my grades. I let go of trying to become successful in school, and that has lead to a better chance at success. Stress is no longer a major part of my life. Changing from a person worried about success and who tries too hard has made all the difference. Now I just flow, and anything seems possible. How to Become Happy and Successful What is success? I used to want it. When I am happy, that makes me successful. And by letting go of success I have furthered my chances to become what people traditionally think of as success. So instead of focusing on success, forget it. Try your best and have fun. You will enjoy life and go far. His blog Slowchange is about making real, lasting change in a world of fad diets and get rich quick schemes. His other blog zenteen helps teens find happiness and peace in their crazy, stressed lives.

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*Short Stories*»*The Secret of Happiness* Once upon a time, there were three brothers named Samuel, Timothy and Xander, who lived in a cottage by the woods. They were honest and hardworking.

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