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## **My favourite book is ...**

Twelve Red Herrings

## **What is the book about?**

'Twelve Red Herrings' is a collection of short stories written by Jeffery Archer, who is believed to be one of the most famous storytellers in our times. In this volume, a number of the stories were written based on known incidents, for example, *You'll never live to regret it.*

It was a love story between two men, David and Patrick, who had known each other since childhood. When they grew up, regardless the disapproval of their families, they lived together. Their romantic relationship came to an end in a year that David was suffering from a terminal illness. He knew very well that

there would not be any miracle cure for him. What he could do at least was to make Patrick financially secure for the rest of his life. So, David made a million dollars life insurance policy from his friend Marvin, signing Patrick as his only dependent. David passed all the health check-ups as required by the insurance company but unfortunately, seven months later he died of AIDS.

The insurance agent Marvin then faced great pressures of losing his job due to the policy he made out for David. He aimed to fight the huge amount of money back for his company. He successfully begged Patrick to make another life insurance policy himself. During the process of health check-up, Marvin replaced Patrick's blood and urine samples with those of David. Patrick was thus accused of breaking

the company's golden rule and was ineligible for receiving for receiving any compensation from it. This was such a terrible shock to Patrick that he suffered a heart and died. In the end,Marvin's trick was discovered and Patrick's dependent could get the money from the insurance company.

### **The reason I liked reading it ...**

This is my first encounter with Jeffery Archer's writing. Many of his stories,the one mentioned above especially,are definitely impressive to me with their unexpected plot twists. They are full of suspense that I could hardly predict what would happen next,let alone the ending. This is why, I believe, Jeffery Archer has been famous for decades.