

## Why choose

### ***The Story of a Seagull and the Cat who Taught her how to Fly***

#### **by Luis Sepulveda?**

1. "The Story of a seagull and the cat who taught her to fly" by Luis Sepulveda is great and concerns all of us. The highly acclaimed author has written a tender allegorical story. It's worth reading! It will fascinate you!
2. The adventure of a female seagull about to give birth but fatally wounded in an oil slick, shocks us. It shows the damage that the uncontrolled industrial development has caused to our planet. It is our duty to raise ecological awareness, to love and protect nature.
3. The story of the cat that takes care of a little seagull touches upon our sensitivity. We realize that there is no beauty in life without companionship, love and solidarity. We understand that it is important to coexist with diversity and to keep our promises. In the end, we are motivated to gain confidence, to break free from the binds that hold us back and to live the life we dream of.
4. But we haven't chosen this book only for its humanitarian and environmental messages. We like it because it involves a variety of countries and makes us think of our Erasmus group. The story takes place in Hamburg in Germany, while one of the main characters, Seven-aSeas, has travelled to the Netherlands and to Rotterdam. The Frisian Islands, the Elbe river and the North Sea are mentioned. Biscay, Spain, is the meeting point of the seagulls in our story. Last but not least, the name of the big fat cat, Zorba, is the same as the main character in a novel by a great Greek and Cretan author, Kazantzakis. And as the little seagull has to learn to fly, the Greek myth of Icarus comes up. The bunch of cats that meet every day consists of different nationalities and personalities. Just like us. But they are friends despite their differences and achieve wonderful things. Just like all of us want to do!
5. The book is easy to read. It is written with a good sense of humour. It is like a fairy tale. It has messages for the protection of the environment and for friendship, solidarity and cooperation. It has many dialogues and is therefore ideal for us to turn it into a movie. For all these reasons, we highly recommend it!

## Quotations

- I am Kengah, a sea gull. I'm ready to give birth. I got trapped in an oil slick. I am afraid I won't make it.
  
- I am Zorba, a cat, black, huge and fat. I'm relaxing on my balcony in Hamburg. Oh, what is this?
  
- I'm dying. I want you to promise me three things: that you will take care of my egg, that you won't eat the baby and that you will teach it how to fly.
  
- - I'm hungry, mum, I'm hungry.
  - Ok, but, I am not your mum.
  - Of course you are my mummy, my good mummy.
  
- We, the cats of the port, will help you.  
**A promise is a promise.**