



The Mill on the Floss

Book 3 ,4 and 5 :-



Book # 03

- Downfall of Tulliver family has been started.
- Loss of law suit, selling of Mill, Mr Tulliver being installed as a manager.
- Swear heart stroke. Maggie finds her father lying unconscious.
- Mr. Wakem is responsible for Tulliver's ruin.
- Tom enjoining Maggie not to speak to Phillip anymore.
- Narrow and hypocritical behaviour of Dodson's



Book # 03

- The family council.
- Selling of house furniture to pay heavy debts.
- Mrs. Moss offers to return three hundred pounds to her brother, Tom's response on his father's behalf.
- Tulliver regains consciousness
- Mr Tulliver's desire for revenge against Wakem.
- Tom as a responsible child.
- Searching for job .



Book # 03

- Tom's education was not sufficient for getting a job.
- Tom was disappointed. Uncle Deane lectured him about his own rise from low beginnings.
- Criticism on education system.
- Maggie knew that world of books and reality are very different.
- An unexpected visitor : Tom's friend . Though low birth and poor but generous and warm-hearted. Tom and Maggie not accepting the offer.



Book # 03

- Poor Mrs. Tulliver's good intentions go awry. Her action produces the very opposite of what she intended.
- Mr. Wakem had three intentions to buy mill . Firstly, profitable dealing. Secondly, considering others inferior to him . Thirdly, he would pleasant to insult Tulliver by offering him employment.
- Representation of motives behind people's actions.
- Mr . Tulliver's recovering from unconscious.
- Regretting the situation in which he has brought his family.
- Mr Tulliver's humiliation and decision to work for Wakem



Book # 03

- Mr Tulliver's notation in family Bible. He asks Tom that he would never forgive Mr. Wakem . He wished evil to befall his enemy. He would make Wakem suffer . There were two factors motivate him in his resolution. Initially, he would otherwise have to depend on his wife's family. Secondly, he would have the satisfaction of continuing in his own surroundings.



Book # 04

- A middle class which is petty and narrow minded . These people are Christians in name only . Their religion is of “ *a simple, semi pagan kind*” A “*proud honest egoism*” is the essence of Dodson family code. It is Maggie’s misfortune to live among such people and is crushed under it .
- Mr Tulliver family members suffers in his or her own way . They were left with two motives : revenge and and paying back his creditors. Mrs. Tulliver remains “*bewildered in this empty life*” by doing her household works.



Book # 04

- Maggie turns thirteen . Lonely and depressed. She looks for love from Mr. Tulliver and Tom, both are too involved in saving money.
- Psychological perspective.
- Development of Maggie from ugly duckling to beautiful young girl.
- Bob Jakin's good nature and kindness.
- Emergence of youthful beauty.

*She thought it was part of the hardship of her life that there was laid upon her the burthen of larger wants than others seem to feel.
Narrator, Book 4, Chapter 3*



Book # 05

- ▶ Maggie turns seventeen. Reentry of Phillip into Maggie's life.
- ▶ Conflict between duty and inclination.
- ▶ Maggie avoids meeting Phillip in presence of their fathers. Phillip tells her that she has grown into a very beautiful maiden.
- ▶ Phillip tells her that it is wrong to “*starve your mind*” . Both were “*remembering and hoping*” the previous days of their lives. Phillip wants to be with her . Maggie tells him that it will be impossible because of the enmity between their fathers .

The first thing I ever remember ... is standing with Tom by the side of the Floss ... everything before that is dark to me. Maggie Tulliver, Book 5, Chapter 1



Book # 05

- ▶ Bob's "*breadth to his thumb*" technique. Humorous technique.
- ▶ Bob Jakin's talkativeness and clever salesmanship.
- ▶ Uncle and aunt commercial instinct is revealed in their willingness to invest money for good returns. Inshort, material gain.
- ▶ Maggie and Phillip meetings.
- ▶ Phillip's deep love for Maggie. He was not satisfied with an average life. Both have been meeting for a year . Maggie finds Phillip company pleasant , sometimes feels guilty because her father and brother were not aware of these meetings.
- ▶ "*I would like never to part, I should like to make your life very happy*"



Book # 05

- Sympathetic nature of Maggie.
- *"I always care most about unhappy people"*
- *"I always take the side of the rejected lover"*
- Maggie and Phillip's meeting could not remain concealed for long. Tom's rigidity of attitude and lack of sympathy and understanding stand out clearly against Phillip's sensitivity and nobility.
- Crisis in the relationship of brother and sister as well as lovers.
- Three weeks pass and Tom has now plenty of money, enough to pay off the the creditors.



Book # 05

"I shall be contented to live, if you would let me see you sometimes". Philip Wakem, Book 5, Chapter 1

"I was never satisfied with a little of anything. That is why it is better for me to do without earthly happiness altogether". Maggie Tulliver, Book 5, Chapter 3



Book # 05

- Mr. Tulliver's excitement and rage suffers him a stroke and he realises his end is near. He advised Tom to look after his mother and sister and also to get the Mill back . Moreover, not to forgive Wakem.