



The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway is is (1) easy to read and it isn't (2) long a book, either. You may find the story (3) compelling to put down. On the (4) first page, you learn that the old man has gone 84 days without catching (5) much as a single fish.

On that opening page, almost everything about him is described as old - characteristics (6) as the wrinkles on his neck and the many scars on his hands. Interestingly (7) , however, you are also told that his eyes are not old; they are 'cheerful' and 'undefeated'. This makes you feel (8) enormous sympathy for the old man. You want him to bring home another fish (9) soon, before he becomes (10) old to go out to sea.

The main reason why the book is (11) popular is that it tells a (12) simple story that is timeless (13) to appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds. It has (14) an unusual style, (15) , which contributes to its success.

