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Six-word stories

The American writer, Ernest Hemingway bet ten dollars that he could write a complete story in just six words. He wrote: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." He won the bet.

Could you tell the story of your life in just six words? Join Jackie and Callum as they share theirs.

This week's question: Who said "Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know."

- a) William Shakespeare
- b) Oscar Wilde
- c) Ernest Hemmingway

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Expressions to describe stories/books you like and that make you feel strong emotions

poignant
moving
touching
powerful
gripping
'I just couldn't put it down' (usually only to describe books)

Expressions to describe stories or books you are not enjoying

boring
dull
slow-moving
difficult to get into

Other words in the programme

a crackhead (very informal!)
slang word for someone who uses the drug crack-cocaine

a twist and turn
when unexpected things happen
Example: *Life has many twists and turns.*

'a twist' is often used when talking about a book or a film where something unexpected happens
Example: *The film has a very clever twist near the end.*



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