

THE STORY OF A SEAGULL AND THE CAT WHO TAUGHT HER TO FLY

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The Story of a Seagull and the Cat Who Taught Her to Fly by Luis Sepulveda narrates the story of a cat named Zorba that teaches a seagull how to fly. It takes place in Hamburg, Germany, where Zorba lives.

While a flock of seagulls travels from the North Sea to Biscay, the Basque country in Spain, Kengah, a pregnant seagull stops to rest. There she falls prey to the criminal carelessness of people and gets infected from an oil spill.

Then, Kenga tries to reach the nearest coast and manages to land on the balcony of a house in Hamburg. Just before she passes away, she trusts Zorba the cat with an egg. She asks him to take care of it and promise her that he will not eat the little seagull. And most importantly, the cat promises that he will teach the little bird how to fly.

Even though Zorba is a cat and has no idea of how he can carry out this strange mission, he gives Kenga his word of honour and accepts the responsibility. He forgets about his own comfort and spends many days keeping warm and brooding the egg. He's got help: he gets support from his four loyal friends, the harbor cats.

When the little seagull comes out of the egg, the cats learn to take care of her and protect her even though she's different. They bring her up with affection and love and name her "Lucky". She will become a beautiful and strong seagull. Now, although she is raised by cats, she must learn how to fly. Zorbas made a promise to her dying mother. It is not easy at all to fulfill the promise. But..."only the one who dares to fly, flies".