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The Poet in the Glass Cage



## ABOUT THE BOOK

Mahad is a poet. But he is a turnstile guard, too. Every day, in the subway, he sees a young woman walk by. He is interested in her, but he does not know who she is. Not until he sees her, one day, in the newspaper. Her name is Emma and she is a writer. Perhaps Emma can teach Mahad better Swedish? Mahad looks her up, but things do not go quite the way he had planned.

A book about never giving up.

## **READING COMPREHENSION**

- 1. Describe what Mahad does at work.
- 2. Describe Mahad. What do you know about him?
- 3. Why did Mahad come to Sweden alone?
- 4. What was Mahad's life like, when he first came to Sweden?
- 5. What does Mahad do with his salary?
- 6. What is Mahad's big dream?
- 7. Why do some people not like Mahad?
- 8. What is Mahad's life in Sweden like?
- 9. What does Mahad think about the Swedish language?
- 10. What does Mahad think about Emma when he sees her in the newspaper?
- 11. Describe what Mahad does in order to meet Emma?
- 12. Why does Mahad try to read Emma's book? How is that working out for him?
- 13. Why does Mahad lie to Emma?
- 14. What does sign mean?
- 15. What does Mahad tell Emma when he catches up with her? How does Emma react?
- 16. How does the book end?

