

Lord of the Flies Summary

"Lord of the Flies" is a novel published in 1954 by William Golding. The story begins when a group of British boys survives a plane crash and finds themselves stranded on a deserted island without adult supervision.

Discovery of the Island

- The novel begins with the introduction of Ralph and Piggy, who discover a conch shell and use it to call the other survivors.
- The boys decide to elect a leader, and Ralph is chosen over Jack.

Building Civilization

- The boys start to build shelters and create a signal fire to attract passing ships. Jack and his choirboys become hunters, tasked with catching pigs for food.
- There are fears of a "beast" on the island, which becomes a central figure in the boys' imaginations.

Deterioration and Conflict

- Jack becomes increasingly obsessed with hunting and slowly turns away from the ideals of civilization and order that Ralph represents.
- Jack forms his own tribe of hunters, which grows as more boys defect from Ralph's group. They paint their faces and become more savage in their behavior.
- The boys mistakenly think a dead parachutist is the beast. Simon, one of the boys, discovers the truth but is killed by the frenzied group before he can share it.

The Descent into Savagery

- Jack's tribe becomes more brutal. They steal Piggy's glasses to start fires and eventually kill Piggy during a confrontation.
- Ralph becomes the main target of Jack's tribe, who decide to hunt him down.

Rescue

- Just as Ralph is about to be captured and killed, a naval officer arrives on the island, having seen the smoke from the fire. The boys are rescued.
- The novel ends with Ralph weeping for the loss of innocence and the darkness of human nature.