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Text 2

Text: *The Whirlpool Rapids*

Author: Margaret Atwood (1983)

Text 1

This is an extract from Amitav Ghosh's novel, *The Calcutta Chromosome* (published in 1995). It is set in Kolkata, India. In this extract, Phulboni has missed his last train home. He follows a light he thinks belongs to the stationmaster, runs towards it, and falls onto the rail track.

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Text 2

This is an extract from Margaret Atwood's short story, *The Whirlpool Rapids* (published in 1983). Emma has been asked by her friend Bill to go with him on a 40-seat raft ride in the rapids below Niagara Falls. It is the last ride of the day.

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