PREFACE

Arun Joshi, in spite of his limited literary corpus of just about five novels, is an important novelist to be taken serious note of in Indian fiction in English. In addition to being studies of the labyrinthine consciousness of individuals, his novels deal with profound issues of perennial human interest. The relationship between self and society is one such issue which has been taken up for inquiry in the present study. I have explained in detail the nature and scope of this inquiry in the introductory first chapter.

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