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Abstract

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Scope and method of study:

The objective of this study is to analyse male sufferings in the novels of Evelyn Waugh. The study is based on the analyses of Evelyn Waugh’s fiction, dealing with the societal experiences. It also takes into account the views of the critics. His novels are primarily focused upon the British culture and society. The work is only exploratory in nature. Nevertheless, it is a genuine attempt to deal with almost an obscure area of Waugh’s experience. In this process, this study discusses the oppressed and suffering male protagonists in the novels of Evelyn Waugh. The study is a close examination of the novels, Decline and Fall, Vile Bodies, A Handful of Dust, and Brideshead Revisited of Waugh.

Findings and Conclusions:

A close chronological scrutiny of Waugh’s work, published in more than eighty years, reveals the controversial aspects of British culture and society. Further, he develops his vision on male roles in his novels. The social ideas are expressed in his novels. Subjected to Waugh’s vision, the biblical characters are moulded into human beings in many of his novels. Several of his novels, give a
sense of familiarity and comfort, much like meeting an old acquaintance or recalling a memory dimmed by the passing years. Waugh has successfully demonstrated that hope springs eternal in the human heart. Everyone must feel that human beings are all equal, liberal, and belong to one fraternity. It enables to respect the feeling of a man as they do to their own. It will pave the path for the peaceful life on the earth.