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Abstract

The Big Heart by Mulk Raj Ananda obviously displays the commodification of the poor thathiars. The victimization and objectification of the thathiars in Mulk Raj Anand's novel *The Big Heart* be unveiled and done justice to the characters who have been oppressed in the novel. The research, therefore, attempts to uncover the underlying structure of exploitation of poor people under capitalistic social system. So suppressed the poor thathiars who are traditional coppersmiths that they are begging for single morsel of food just to exist in this earth. Ralia, Dina, Viroo and other Thathiars are maltreated in the hands of the Kaseras and Murli Dhar. Even they can not establish healthy human relations; but their love, compassion, feelings all are commodified. Ananta, the protagonist gets killed as he opposed this very exploitation and commodification of the Thathiars. The dissertation has taken help of Marxist theoretical insight in order to carry out this research work which tries to expose how the coppersmiths have been maltreated as commodities in the hands of capitalism and its social order.

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