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## **Abstract**

*Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri, which portrays a powerful picture of the first and second generation who have settled in USA. The stories focus on the problem of alienation, loneliness, self-realization, marginalization, displacement and discontinuity in the cultural discourse. In the initial chapter this study has presented the visit of Ruma's recently retired and widowed father to Ruma's new home in Seattle where she lives with her American husband. These stories try to deal with displacement on the backdrop of the diasporic milieu. Most of the characters feel the distress, alienation and isolation occur when there is an unexpected change in surroundings and environment.

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