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ABSTRACT

Moll Flanders can be read in a number of ways, but this study has chosen to concentrate on the secured life of Moll. The major tool used for this research is feminist theory for exploring the secured life of the main character, Moll. Moll, being a woman of lower-class has suffered a lot and she has been repeatedly used by men. So, she wants to remove her status as a lower-class woman and wants to upgrade her class. It portrays an accurate view of the things such as crime, punishment, and prostitution that are taking place during eighteenth century Europe. Though in doing so, she herself becomes notorious, but in the end she wins, the title of a gentlewoman. For Moll security in life is to achieve the financial achievement. Throughout her life she searched her social and gender security through getting the financial sound male partner as well as she herself. To achieve that Moll has to live various life styles even she has to live the life of prostitute for her social and gender security through money or property. The research explores how Moll has the yearnings for security in life in the contemporary surroundings through money.

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