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Abstract

This thesis examines the issues of torture and pain in Ravi Thapaliya's *Echoes of Pain*. The novel presents the acts of torturing, being tortured, its immediate effect on both torturer and the tortured and the final resolution. However, it ends in the form of reconciliation allowing the characters to live their normal life. In fact, through owning up everything and speaking out everything before one another, they work off their trauma and prepare themselves to lead the normal life. Thus the writer has used the well planned resolution at the end of the novel giving it a happy ending. Through the discussion of pain and trauma and the illustration of the way to come out of them unscathed at the end, the novelist provides much food for thought to the readers who are interested in the study of torture and trauma.

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