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Abstract

The present research examines the evils of postcolonial excrementalism in Mankell's *The Eye of the Leopard* and comes to the conclusion of the demand of psychic decolonization. It explores through the journey of a Swedish white man and demonstrates the aspects of psychic decolonization in Zambia where fear, depression, rage and violence can be seen in the eye of the protagonist. These ex-colonies face a lot of problems like economic, social and political that ultimately damages the psyche of the formerly colonized people, through the subtle process of cultural colonization which also has huge impact in the former colonizers who are living there. White people are exposed to such images of villainous black people, the white will experience a psychopathology (psychological trauma), which mental wound becomes inherent to their individual, behavioral make-up. This research shows the identity crisis and the feeling of alienation in the life of the white protagonist, where it stresses on the fact how there is the necessity of psychic decolonization in order to establish the freedom and decolonization in the ex-colonies.

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