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Abstract

This thesis ‘Antics of Antihero in Nabokov’s *Lolita*’ is the study of strange behavior of the antihero Humbert Humbert, who is the protagonist of Nabokov’s novel *Lolita*. It is the study of his life right from the beginning of his problems to his fully-fledged criminality. It is the attempt to investigate the wrongs that happen to and that turn the antihero a notorious criminal. By establishing the meaningful connection between the problems that the antihero suffers and the subsequent moves the antihero makes, the researcher tries to explain the habits of the antihero.

In this research, perspective is the moral one. The moral and judgment faculty has been acknowledged as the key-factors in one’s well-being. Focus goes to the learning/education process, for the reason that morality is learnt and the incomplete or the misunderstood learning results into impairment in judgment faculty. Therefore, the main task this researcher undertakes to perform is to identify the circumstances responsible for the mind’s growth towards the wrong direction in order to demystify the antihero’s strangeness and to simplify the complexity of his behavior.

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