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Abstract

John Updike in his *Rabbit Run* raises a burning issue of suburban life of America. The novel focuses on the problems faced by common people in the absence of spiritual belief in this modern material world.

Rabbit Angstrom of *Rabbit Run* is an ex-basketball player, who cannot adjust in the world of work and family, and thus runs away from responsibility. The novel presents a bleak, existential view of the late 1950s. Rabbit's running is also a metaphor for seeking a better life, a sign that he is redeemable.

In order to carry out this research I have divided my thesis into four chapters. The first chapter elaborates the thesis with some textual evidences. Chapter second includes the ideas and tools based on Marxism. Along with Marx other prominent Marxists ideas are taken. The third chapter discusses the life and struggle faced by Rabbit Angstrom in this modern material world.

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