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Abstract

The Hungry Tide is a picture of the world, which has become a global village by means of development of transportation and communication technology. This situation in the novel appears as globalized, partly globalized and local characters meet in sundarbans area. It exposes that the sense of the nation state is lost, single language and single cultural motif is lost and multi-cultural ethos has taken place everywhere. Among cultures there is mutual influence and it helps to cross multiple barriers, the barriers of language, religion and social class: those between human being and nature, between traditional and cosmopolitan country, between urban and rural, between one nation and the wider world.

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