Abstract

The intricacies of family life have been extolled in this particular novel. Jamun’s return to the family after hearing the illness of his mother shows the familial knots and yet the disruptions in it. Jamun knows it very well that it is to be a great strife to his life that he comes at a time when everything is not going conveniently. Jamun exposes his angst for the successive burden which befalls on him. The dichotomy lies in the fact that Jamun never says ‘no’ to the familial duties yet his inner-self tries to wander like a bird in the open sky.

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