



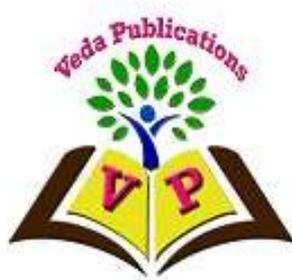
FINESSE MELANGE AS PAINTED WITHIN THE NOVELS OF ROMESHGUNESEKERA AND SHYAM SELVADURAI

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ABSTRACT



Sri Lanka has had a protracted history of ethnic conflict and writers of this country square measure seriously engaged within the socio-political tension created by the violence engendered by it. This ethnic conflict, that is an integral a part of the truth of the Sri Lankan individuals, seems as a continual theme within the works of the many Sri Lankan writers. The text has investigated the dynamics of conflict at completely different levels, paying special attention to ethnic conflict as delineate within the novels of Romesh Gunesequera and ShyamSelvadurai. As these two authors live abroad – Gunesequera in England and Sevadurai in Canada – their works square measure marked with a diasporic consciousness that takes central stage in several of their works. The novels selected for this study square measure Reef (1994), The Timepiece, (1998) and Heaven's Edge (2002) by RomeshGunesequera, and Funny Boy (1994), Cinnamon Gardens (1998) by ShyamSevadurai.

For this investigation, three of his books, to be specific, Reef, The Sandglass and Heaven's Edge have been chosen. Recollections of 'home', the mission for the tricky/anecdotal home consulted through the truth of the war and clashes that inconvenience such an adventure is the subject of Gunesequera's fiction. "His fictions are inhabited with vagabonds looking for safe haven. Casualties of passionate and political viciousness, memory and want progress toward becoming establishments on which they build their concept of 'home'" (Mathur, 2012, p.30). Gunesequera's works are accounts of misfortune and of memory and a feeling of profound sentimentality overruns every one of them.

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**REEF: AN EXAMINATION IN MEMORY**

In Reef, Triton, a Sinhalese outsider in London relates the recollections of his childhood and experiencing childhood in Sri Lanka as a houseboy in the administration of Mr. Salgado, a beginner sea life researcher. Triton goes to the place of Ranjan Salgado as a young man and before long turns into the cook, cleaner, plant specialist, everything, across the board. Mr. Salgado's home is the focal point of his universe. The world portrayed in the novel is a cased, separate universe of Triton and Mr. Salgado, every so often attacked by a couple of his colleagues and his better half Nili. Apparently, Reef is an individual story, focused round close local pictures of cooking and family unit exercises; be that as it may, there is little serenity in their lives as they are routinely agitated by the brutality of ethnic clash seething around them. They appear to live in an island going to break down. In the novel the coral reef is utilized as a figure of speech for the delicacy of the island.

'This polyp is extremely exceptionally fragile. It has survived ages, however even a little change in the prompt condition – even a Suif you pee on the reef – could murder it. At that point the entire thing will go. What's more, if the structure is decimated, the ocean will surge in. The sand will go. The shoreline will vanish.' (Gunesekera,1994, p. 48)

At the centre of the novel is the dread of looming war, the risk is up and coming and quick. The discussion among Mr. Salgado and his companions unavoidably turns towards the developing distress in the nation. "Presently as the coral vanishes, there will be nothing, however ocean and we will come back to it" (Gunesekera,1994, p.172). Gunesekera presents the contention and brutality that is debilitating to demolish the nation in striking points of interest. Triton reviews:

Back home that April, in 1971, the first of the insurrections ejected in a furore of gunfire and little blasts. Groups of energetic youthful guerrillas wandered the towns and townships staking out their place in an unrefined unending cortege. Thousands were executed in the retaliations. The core of an age was everlastingly closed. "Our civic establishments

are so delicate," Mr.Salgado stated, perusing the news reports of horrible executions on the shoreline. In any case, these were just the antecedents of the amazing ruthlessness that came, wave after wave, in the decades that pursued: the stifling infernos, the consuming accessories, flaring liquid rings of flame; the Reign of Terror, kidnappings, vanishings and the violations of belief system; this suppurating ethnic war. The bodies would roll over and over in the surf; they would be washed in by the tide and be stranded by the dozen. The lives of siblings, sisters, people, darlings, fathers and moms and kids would be cursed over and over, unremembered. (Gunesekera,1994, pp. 172-173)

Indeed, even as settlers living in London Triton and Mr. Salgado are spooky by the pictures of rough clashes back home: At that point, in the late spring of 1983, hordes went on the frenzy in Colombo. We saw pictures of young fellows, who appeared to be no unique from me, going crazy on what could have been our primary street. The uncontrolled brutality made the TV news after quite a while for a considerable length of time. There had been in no way like it when inconvenience had broken out previously, when books had been singed and the principal conflicts had begun. Notwithstanding amid the uprising of '71, the news had come just in floats, removed. In any case, this time pictures of cold-bloodedness, the introduction of war, glinted on the screens over the world as it occurred. (Gunesekera, 1994, p.188)

Whenever Mr. Salgado needed to know the account of Anguli-maala, Triton relates the story adding it with astonishing subtle elements from the contemporary state of the nation.

Down on the shoreline, the assortments of men and young men who had vanished from their homes, who had been butchered by him and tossed in the ocean, were washed in by the tide. Each morning they showed up by the dozen: enlarged and deformed, coming in the surf. The anglers in the towns progressed toward becoming funeral directors. They consumed piles of the dead in greater hills than the fish they got. Some of the time they would cover the carcasses in mass graves, yet the ocean would uncover them, and the rotten tissue would be shown on the sand, shimmering, while



crows picked at the pieces. At times a body would be perceived and there would be whispers . . . Yet, there was no objection. Just quieted incomprehension, dread or complicity. (Gunsekera,1994, p.167)

In Reef, Gunsekera alludes to two particular occasions of political agitation: the occasions of 1971, which go about as an impetus for Mister Salgado and Triton to escape to England, and in addition the unrest in 1983. Gunsekera's portrayal of viciousness in the novel is a subject of heartfelt feedback particularly in Sri Lanka. He is blamed for exoticizing viciousness for the utilization of Western peruses. Gunsekera has utilized the separation of the diasporic storyteller to give an impression of objectivity and receptiveness of point of view. In his introduction of the ethnic clash Gunsekera has refrained from any sort of analysis on the setting of the viciousness. To him the members of the ethnic clash whether they are Sinhalese young people or Tamil dissident does not appear to have much effect; they are for the most part specialists who have added to "this suppurating ethnic war". As per Mayrse Jayasuriya (2005), "The main conceivable and balanced approach to manage the issues of Sri Lanka is for its natives to go into a wilful outcast." (p. 158)

WARFARE IN SHYAMSELVADURAI'S HUMOROUS BOY, CINNAMON GARDENS:

Shyam Selvadurai is a Sri Lankan Canadian novelist, born in Colombo to a Sinhalese mom and a Tamil father – members of conflicting ethnic companies whose problems form a first-rate topic in his work. After the ethnic riots of 1983 the family emigrates to Canada whilst Selvadurai became nineteen years vintage. He posted his first novel funny Boy in 1994 which received the SmithBooks/Books in Canada First Novel Award Lambda Literary Award for best homosexual guys' Fiction. His 2d novel Cinnamon Gardens was published in 1998. After a protracted spell of quiet he published his 1/3 novel The Hungry Ghosts in 2013. all through this period, he wrote a fiction for young adults Swimming within the Monsoon Sea, other than this he has additionally edited a group of tales, tale-Wallah! a party of South Asian Fiction. For this study funny Boy, and Cinnamon Gardens, has been selected.

As with most Sri Lankan writers, the works of Shyam Selvadurai is likewise ruled by using the ethnic war that has fed on the USA for many years. each humorous Boy and The Hungry Ghost are written within the historical past of the developing condition of violence within the united states, whereas, Cinnamon Gardens is set in the 1920s in pre-independence Ceylon. All the novels have consciously depicted the socio-political condition of the U. S. A. that it is set in, tracing the political negotiations of pre-independence Ceylon, to the tendencies and events that increase to the ethnic struggle in Sri Lanka. A critical thing that marks the works of ShyamSelvadurai is his sexual orientation. Being homosexual, his works have gay characters negotiating their identity in a heteronormative international.

CONCLUSION

The novels that square measure examined during this study reveal that the war that has ravaged state for many years is associate degree inevitable reality that these writers got to narrate repeatedly. Each Gunsekera and Selvadurai sleep in the diaspora, thus the trauma of the diasporic condition may be a major theme within the works of each of them. In each the writer's works house is made through imagination and at the same time exposes the fictional illustration of homes. Gunsekera's fictional narratives specialise in a journey, an endeavour to relax and place down roots somewhere. Another necessary side that each one these novels specialise in is reconciliation. The theme of reconciliation is conferred through the protagonists' try at recreating a home either in exile or back within the original fatherland. Reconciliation is additionally wanted through uncovering. They interrogate problems with identity each ethnic and private. Each Funny Boy and Cinnamon Gardens narrate the obstacles that plague the hunt for alternate sexual identity in a very prejudiced society. Selvadurai's characters navigate associate degree unsure world during their own insecurities. The political and the personal merge within the works of Selvadurai because the main characters struggle to grasp their true wishes and identities. On the opposite hand, Gunsekera has deliberately separated the private from the political in his works.

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