
Joseph Conrad

Heart of Darkness

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Description

In a novella which remains highly controversial to this day, Conrad explores the relations between Africa and Europe. On the surface, this is a horrifying tale of colonial exploitation. The narrator, Marlowe journeys on business deep into the heart of Africa. But there he encounters Kurtz, an idealist apparently crazed and depraved by his power over the natives, and the meeting prompts Marlowe to reflect on the darkness at the heart of all men. This short but complex and often ambiguous story, which has been the basis of several films and plays, continues to provoke interpretation and discussion.

Insightful reviews

Michalyn: This is a book I read twice and will probably never read again. I try to see this as a "great" novel but I have always wished Conrad had achieved a greater separation between his own voice and Marlow's. For me his inability to do so made it difficult to stomach the inherent racism in the book. The passage that will always stick out in my mind is the one in which the narrator muses that an educated black man is as "unnatural" as a dog putting on clothes and walking on its hindlegs.

That said, I don't think this book is worthless. In my experience the people I've discussed it with tend to either completely ignore the racism or excuse it and instead focus on the psychological state of Kurtz or else they see the racism and completely dismiss the psychological and other symbolic aspects of the book. For me this is not a great novel in the sense of it being one of the best ever written. There are just too many internal tensions and the blurring of the character's and author's perspectives makes this a very uncomfortable read. It *is* a great book for discussion though if all of its tensions are recognized. There is a powerful message here about how the darkness of the mind (and one's own inhumanity) can be projected onto others and one's environment and there is something very anti-colonialist and anti-racist about that. At the same time, these themes exist side by side with the author's own unacknowledged racism. Knowing that a book was written long ago helps contextualize and explain something offensive but I don't think it ever makes it less painful to read. For me the value in *Heart of Darkness* is in examining both the story Conrad set out to tell and the one he didn't even realize he was telling when he wrote this book.

Manny: **Celebrity Death Match Review Tournament, Round *The Essential Calvin and Hobbes* versus *Heart of Darkness***

Heart of Darkness doesn't even bother to show up, but sends its kid sister, [Cannibal Women in the Avocado Jungle of Death](#). Calvin and Hobbes laugh scornfully, but their jeers soon become screams of terror as the Cannibal Women tie them up and eat them alive with guacamole and corn chips.

Jenny Zhang: This guy's message is so subtle: Africans are depraved/we are all depraved/since I don't care about black people I'm going to let them serve as a metaphor for the depravity of

human existence/I like writing sentences that yawn with the utter boredom of pretension, pomp, and waste/I have no heart/that's why I had to put the word heart in the title, etc, etc, etc.

Where's the negative one million stars option, again?

Edward: AcknowledgementsChronologyIntroduction to 'Heart of Darkness'Introduction to 'The Congo Diary'Further ReadingA word at the TextsMap of the River Congo--Heart of Darkness--The Congo DiaryAppendix: Author's notice (1917)NotesGlossary of Nautical phrases

Paul Bryant: megastar demise fit overview for around 2**“Anything drawing close the switch that came to visit his positive factors i have not obvious before, and desire by no means to determine again. It used to be as if a veil have been rent. I observed on that bushy visage the expression of somber pride, of ruthless power, of craven terror — of an extreme and hopeless despair. He cried in a whisper at a few image, at a few vision—he cried out twice, a cry that used to be not more than a breath—“The honey! The honey!”I blew the candle out and left the cabin. The pilgrims have been eating within the messroom, and that i took my position contrary the manager, who lifted his eyes to offer me a wondering glance, which I effectively ignored. He leaned back, serene, with that bizarre smile of his sealing the unexpressed depths of his meanness. a continual bathe of small flies streamed upon the lamp, upon the cloth, upon our fingers and faces. without warning the manager's boy placed his insolent black head within the doorway, and stated in a tone of scathing contempt:“Winnie Pooh - he dead.”

Sonanova: Proving another time that doing an idea first gets you immortalized, whereas doing it good will make you an unknown and forgotten author at best, I additionally discovered that during Conrad's time, humans might drone on and on with metaphors and it wasn't thought of cliched, yet "art." I blame this publication and others love it for the most painful literature created by means of scholars writers alike.It used to be like raking my fingernails throughout a chalkboard whereas inhaling a pail of flaming cat hair and ingesting spoiled milk, in the meantime Conrad is screaming DARKNESS DARKNESS OOOH examine MY METAPHOR in regards to the DARKNESSSSSSSSSSSS like a fucking goth on a loudspeaker.

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