

Men's Relationships in D. H. Lawrence's 'Sons and Lovers'

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Abstract : The primary goal of this paper is to question the situation of men's place in D.H Lawrence's Sons and Lovers. Our question is what is the role of each man in the novel? And how a mother's possessiveness had changed the life of all men in the family? David Herbert Lawrence was an important and controversial English writer of the 20th century. He wrote many great works, one of his most popular novels, Sons and Loves, is an autobiographical account of his youth. This novel is about the life of the Morels. The author develops the story by portraying the relationships between many characters, especially the male ones we focus on. 'Sons and Lovers' seems to be written especially to women, all what Lawrence wrote is about women but when we go deeper, we see that Lawrence was also interested in men. This work will approach the question in two ways. The first chapter will deal with men's place in D.H Lawrence's Sons and Lovers, more exactly with Paul and his father Walter Morel, and with Baxter Dawes. We will focus on each man's behavior with one another. In the second chapter, we will analyze possessiveness, that is to say, the desire of holding or having someone as one's own or under one's control. We will try to prove this view from the spiritual and symbolic possession of different relationships. Our study will be through an intensive psychological analysis of a wife's possessiveness to her husband, and a mother's possessiveness to her son's; William and Paul. The conclusion will review all the important aspects of this analysis. It is very important to know about men's relationships in D.H Lawrence's Sons and Lovers this will give us another vision of the novel, and where we can situate Paul's true relationships, that is to say, his relationships with his father and the other men in the novel.

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