



Born to Save Nature

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ABSTRACT

Literature is a representation of one's life where people express their views through Literature. Literature is a key to exploring the world in a Wider sense. World Literature is a combination of all the literatures present in the different parts of the World. World Literature consists of different cultures, traditions and styles followed in Different continents. American Literature falls under or is a part of World Literature. American Literature is a literature That has the works produced by the Americans (from 13 Colonies, Tribal community and also includes the Migrated People too). Cultural combination Prevalent in American Literature.

Richard Powers is an American Novelist. Most of his works speak about impacts of Modern science and Technology. Initially Powers' writings were less theoretical, and less disconnected with his own characters and the circumstances that they occupy. *The Overstory*, which was published in the year 2018 where he had genuine knowledgeable content . It turned out to be a popular Cli-fi Novel. The book was awarded The Booker Prize And became a Remarkable work of Powers. In this novel the author focuses on Deforestation, Hope for a better future, Human versus Nature, Psychology of the Groups, life vs Death.

Deforestation is the Major Focus in the Novel *The Overstory*. One of the most attractive and revolutionary character in the novel is NEELAY. Though paralyzed Neelay never gave up his strong faith in bringing an Eco-friendly nature and a great connection with nature and Human Beings. Neelay is a coding genius who invented a Computer game called Mastery. When Neelay was a child he fell from a tree and broke his back, and became paralyzed from his waist down for the rest of his life. Neelay was Genius at Coding and he was accepted two years early at Stanford. Neelay's Love for nature made him discontinue the school. He involved himself in full time coding where he invents a new game related to nature which helps to save nature that is Mastery. Neelay describes how technology can assist fixing mankind's relationship to the natural world.

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Literature is where a person brings out their feelings from one's own perspective. Literature helps an individual to think, analyze and question a situation or any ideas. America which is known as the universal nation consisting of millions of people representing various nationality and ethnic group produce their own works based on their nationality and ethnicity. As a whole it is called American literature.

In some or the other way Nature is being affected by Humans. Where human beings think that they live in a technological world and tend to forget Mother Earth and go to any extent to destroy her. Cutting down trees seriously affects the environment. Unknowingly, the eradication of weak species and soil erosion . Deforestation additionally brings about bigger measures of ozone depletion, only Trees absorb the carbon dioxide that humans exhale and give oxygen. But by cutting down trees Human beings lack oxygen.

The more humans harm nature it automatically leads to self destruction. Human beings should learn to save nature and not to harm them. Human beings are not aware that Nature and Human Beings are interdependent . Before the development of human civilisations, our planet was covered by sixty million square kilometers of forest. Because of deforestation, it has come under forty million square kilometers.

The Environment has suffered many years because of Human Activities. Since Homo sapiens till now there have been many changes in the world. Being more self centered it leads to the destruction of Natural Resources. Humans tend to use more natural Resources for the purpose of development and this should be controlled. Everyone should think about nature and the future. If humans keep on destroying nature, nature will destroy us. A tsunami occurs where an earthquake takes place under the water but damage is very high. In the case of landslides the more human beings disturb the mother earth, the more she shows the consequences.

There are many Social Activists out there who are striving hard to save nature but on the other hand there are also people who are destroying nature. There are many camps and many motivational speeches being conducted in order to save nature. In *The Overstory* there is a group of social activists who strive hard to save nature but there are a few people who destroy nature.

When it comes to *The Overstory* , the most fascinating character is Neelay. He and his father loved nature very much and thought that they should preserve nature for good. Once a tree fell on Neelay's leg and he was paralyzed . Even at that time he never stood against nature. Though Neelay being a technological person he never thought that he should destroy nature to live a sophisticated life. He brought nature and Human beings together. He was more into Coding to save mother earth with the help of technology. His total aim was to create a game where it would be a great help to save nature.

The most important lines spoke by Neelay to be quoted down is :

'If memories change the pathways of the brain, then the trail must still be there. It's just a matter of waiting for the wild things to emerge out of the understory.' (196)

Neelay Speaks about humans having a Progress connection to their ancestors, This was also spoken by Adam. It is that they retain cognitive biases and motivations that could hinder them in the present, But they can also use their pre-exceptionalist, pre-technological history to save as much of themselves and the planet as they can. If Humans are able to follow the traces of these collective unconscious memories, Then Humans can return to a sustainable existence.

The fact is that humans have a generative connection to their ancestors, that they retain cognitive biases and drives that might tie up them today, but they also have ways of tapping into their pre-technological, pre-exceptionalist history in order to recover what they do for themselves and the planet. These collective, unconscious memories are there, and if one can pick up their footprints then they can find our way back to a sensible way of living.

Human beings can save nature if Humans stop using Natural resources unnecessarily. Humans must preserve the environment. Besides, every individual must take environmental approaches, which must be reflected in actions.

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