

## **Book Review:**

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**Title & Author :The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells**

### **Introduction:-**

I first heard of The Invisible Man in 10th grade when we read a chapter titled Footprints Without Feet in our English textbook. That small section really caught my attention. It was weird and intriguing, and I wanted to read more. Initially, I believed that it would be a story of a person using special abilities to assist others. But when I read the entire book, I was surprised. It's not about a hero—it's about how power takes over an individual and transforms him entirely. That twist made the story even more intriguing.

### **Summary :-**

The tale is about Griffin, a scientist who finds a method to become invisible with the help of a formula. Initially, he's overjoyed with his achievement, but later he realizes that he can't reverse the process and become visible. Others don't get him, and he begins to feel like the world is against him. This infuriates him, and rather than using his invisibility for good, he begins stealing, injuring people, and getting into trouble.

Griffin keeps himself hidden in a small village, but his bizarre behavior makes the villagers suspicious. He becomes more violent, and it becomes increasingly difficult to restrain him. One of the few individuals who attempts to help him is Dr. Kemp, who is an old classmate. But Kemp can't prevent Griffin's slide either.

The central characters are Griffin, the invisible man who gets stranded within his own creation; Dr. Kemp, the man who attempts to thwart him; and the villagers, who respond with horror. The novel examines themes of ambition, isolation, and the way people respond to something they don't comprehend. H.G. Wells doesn't merely tell an exciting science fiction yarn—he provides a great deal of food for thought as well.

### **Analysis & Opinion :-**

One thing I actually enjoyed about the book is that H.G. Wells combines science fiction with genuine emotions. Invisibility was such a new idea when the book came out, and it remains an interesting one today. The reason the story was actually really powerful for me is that Griffin's transformation—he goes from being a clever, ambitious individual to one who is lost in his own insanity—is what keeps you engaged throughout the book.

Griffin is the most prominent character. Initially, he's ambitious and determined. But after he gets invisible, he thinks he's superior to everyone else. He becomes careless and cold.

Griffin says at one point, "I had to do it. I had to become invisible to escape them all! " This indicates how he rationalizes his actions.

Later on, Kemp explains that Griffin "had lost his sense of right and wrong and was driven by obsession." This gives us an idea of how others perceive Griffin's fall.

There are some things that could have been improved. The supporting characters, such as the villagers, lack depth. They react mostly to what Griffin does without actually developing. Also, the ending, though thrilling, was rushed. I wanted more of an explanation regarding what happens afterwards.

The central message in the book is not hard to see: when you possess power but don't treat it cautiously, it will destroy you. Griffin was intelligent, but he lost sight of kindness and justice, and that lost him everything.

### **Personal Connection :-**

This book made me think a great deal about how power can transform individuals. Seeing Griffin transform from an intelligent scientist into someone everyone feared reminded me how crucial it is to remain humble. Just because one has a unique talent or ability doesn't mean they get to use it however they choose. Without control and kindness, power can easily become hazardous.

I used to think that possessing a superpower such as invisibility would be awesome. However, after reading this, I look at it differently. It's not entirely fun—it's lonely and terrifying. Griffin made a wonderful discovery, but he took on too much. This has taught me that power entails a lot of responsibility.

Two idioms that apply perfectly are: "absolute power corrupts absolutely" and "don't judge a book by its cover." Griffin appeared to be a genius on the surface but crumbling internally. The book also taught me not to give in to pressure or shut people out when things are not going as planned. Ultimately, it's not about being powerful—it's about being a good person.

### **Conclusion:-**

I would highly recommend *The Invisible Man* to anyone who likes mystery, action, and books with an underlying message. It's not only a science fiction novel—it's a warning about how power and isolation can destroy an individual. Teenagers, adults, and anyone interested in human nature would like this book. Although it was written more than 100 years ago, its message is still valid today.

It's a short but powerful read that stays with you long after you finish it.

**THANK YOU!**