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BOOK REVIEW

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TITLE & AUTHOR:

The book “MAHASWETHA” was written by a renowned author “Sudha Murthy”.

INTRODUCTION :

“Mahaswetha” by Sudha Murthy is a thought-provoking novel exploring the details of the present day social misconceptions, identity and resilience. The entire plot revolves around Anupama, a young beautiful woman who was diagnosed with Leukoderma and her struggles to survive the challenges despite facing the all the odds from the family. Despite being arrested by the social stigma she realises her inner beauty and gains inner courage and self-acceptance, challenging traditional beauty.

Through her journey, Murthy sheds light on the human spirit’s capacity for resilience and embrace

the importance of embracing the individuality. This narrative offers hope and inspiration , making “MAHASWETHA” a significant contribution to the society.

Why did you choose this book?

The writings of Sudha Murthy reflects on social prejudices, resilience and provides hope and inspiration to the individuals while life is running hard. It also provides empowerment by providing the fact that the self-acceptance promotes to tackle any situation.

Apart from this, the writing style of Sudha Murthy is engaging and her story telling is compelling.

What were your initial expectations ?

Although I have no much familiarity with the writings of other writers the only thought I developed since childhood about Sudha Murthy’s way of explaining the social superstitions using the appropriate plots was the thing which deeply rooted me. I thought that reading this excellent book provides me gain an insiteful knowledge and builds an emotional connection.

SUMMARY :

“Mahaswetha” is a thought-provoking novel by a great author Sudha Murthy that explores the complexities of identity, social prejudice, resilience which when ruined by the society’s stigma factors. The story revolves around Anupama, a young beautiful woman diagnosed with Leukoderma, a skin condition which challenges her with society’s acceptance. As she

discovers the harsh reality of the society she had no way except accepting her new self to embrace the truth to reclaim her sense of self worth.

The novel truly explains the complications faced by Anupama with the people around her and their relationships revealing the societal expectations that shape their experiences. Throughout Anupama's journey Murthy sheds light on the importance of embracing individuality and human spirit's capacity for resilience.

Central theme of the novel includes identity, social prejudice and the quest for embracing self-acceptance. With the engaging narrative skills and relatable characters Murthy reflects her skills to invite the readers to reflect on their own values and stop biasing, making it a masterpiece to help personal growth and transformation.

ANALYSIS & OPINION :

"Mahaswetha " is a thought-provoking novel that sheds the lifestyles when met with the harsh realities of social stigma. Sudha Murthy throughout her novel explains the concepts self-acceptance, resilience and the urge to embrace self when nobody stands with us. Murthy's idea of motivating the readers, helping them to root the main characters of being humble, unbiased through her writings is captivating. Her way of story-telling helps the readers to easily get caught in her writings.

One of the strengths of the novel is its ability to allow the readers to reflect their own values and biases. The transformation of character is note-worthy especially when it comes to Anupama's character. It truly explains on how one has to transform when the things are completely odd and to motivate to grab the courage to build inner you despite all the consequences prevailing. I also feel that true character is indeed extravagance which completely reflected by the character of Anupama.

The novel's themes of identity, social prejudice, and resilience are relevant and timely. Murthy's exploration of these themes truly makes the novel "Mahaswetha" a compelling read for those interested in stories of personal growth and transformation.

The protagonist said, "I am not a disease, I am a person."

This phase explains how the social stigma deeply rooted in the minds of people which effects their lives by destroying the human relationships and the urge to declare that courage is everything which makes.

Overall, "Mahaswetha" is a well-crafted novel that offers a powerful exploration of the human spirit's capacity of resilience. Sudha Murthy's writing is engaging and her storytelling is both thought-provoking and inspiring. The novel is a must read for anyone interested in stories that challenge societal norms and promote personal growth and transformation.

PERSONAL CONNECTION :

Reading "Mahaswetha" was a thought-provoking experience that made me think outside of the box and challenging my own biases. The book's exploration of social prejudice and identity resonated with me, and I found myself reflecting on my own values and attitudes. Anupama's journey taught me to look beyond and not to judge people by their appearances indeed explaining to see in a new light. Her story was a wake-call, making me realise that everyone has their own struggles and challenges.

The book's themes of resilience and self-acceptance inspired me to take a step back and to re-evaluate my own life. I learned to embrace the beauty of individuality and the importance of embracing our unique qualities. While reading the book, I felt like I was turning over a new leaf of my own life. I also felt like having friends like Sumithra, Dolly, Dr. Vasanth was indeed a person really wants to make life easier.

Overall, "Mahaswetha" was a powerful read that left a hit home on me and I am grateful for this experience.

CONCLUSION :

I highly recommend "Mahaswetha" by Sudha Murthy for its thought exploration of social prejudice, identity and resilience. The book's relatable characters and engaging content make it necessary read. Anyone interested in stories of personal growth, self-acceptance will truly enjoy this book and dive into it. Especially for those who are seeking to adore the Indian literature and stories based on the societal norms will truly cherish and finds themselves to be able to read this book. With its universal themes and accessible writing style, this book is suitable for readers of all ages and of all backgrounds.