

CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUSION

After analyzing Aravind Adiga's The White Tiger and Vikas Swarup's Slumdog Millionaire, I would like to draw some conclusions. I conclude that one's characteristics can help him or her to survive his or her difficulties in life.

The theme of The White Tiger is 'Being smart, selfish and highly determined can help someone to survive the difficulties in life.' Balram Halwai, the protagonist, is a poor servant who has a big determination to leave his life as a servant and become a successful entrepreneur. He must face so many difficulties on his way to success because of poverty. However, Balram is a man who does not mind committing a crime and sacrificing his own family to achieve his goals. He kills his master and steals his money to start a new business and a new life in some new place. He also puts his family in danger as the consequence of his crime. He is so selfish and highly determined that he only cares about himself. In the end, because he is smart, he can manage to survive his difficulties and eventually become a successful entrepreneur in the end.

The theme of Slumdog Millionaire is 'Being honest, loyal and caring can help someone to survive the difficulties in life.' Ram Mohammad Thomas, the protagonist, is a poor orphan boy who successfully survives his difficulties in life

and wins the top prize of a quiz show. He manages to survive his hard life without being a criminal and to stay honest. He is also very loyal and caring to the people around him, especially his girlfriend and best friend. His valuable characteristics bring him advantages in surviving difficulties and lead him to one billion rupees. After winning a lot of money, Ram does not change into a big headed person and does not abandon his friends. He uses the money wisely so he and the people he cares about can have a better life.

There is a similarity between the two novels, which concerns the protagonists' background. They are both poor men who come from the lower class of Indian society. They both struggle to survive a hard life and to improve their economic condition. In the end, the protagonist of both novels can survive their difficulties in life and have a good life.

However, their characteristics are very different. Balram in The White Tiger is selfish and highly determined. He is so determined to become a successful entrepreneur that he decides to commit a crime and sacrifice his own family. On the other hand, Ram in Slumdog Millionaire is a good person that never commits any crime for selfish reasons. He gets his fortune by coincidence and he decides to stay honest, loyal and caring to the people he cares about.

The differences in their characteristics are influenced by their situation and condition. Balram comes from a big family with a lot of needs to fulfill. They are poor because there are too many mouths to feed in the family. Balram never gets a chance to improve the quality of his own life, financially and socially, because he is controlled by the family. This fact makes him selfish and highly determined. He is tired of his responsibility for his family and he wants to focus on his own life.

On the other hand, Ram is an orphan boy with no relatives at all. He has had nobody to rely on since he was a little kid. He depends on himself to survive poverty. Friends are very important for Ram since he has no family. He is very caring and loyal to the people he cares about.

In my opinion, the authors' purpose in making such stories is to show the readers about the struggle for life. We can learn that we have to struggle to survive the difficulties and achieve the important things in our lives. So many people in this world suffer from poverty and try to survive every single day. They try to improve their economic condition. However, man usually never feels satisfied; they tend to seek for more and more wealth.

For Ram, the protagonist of Slumdog Millionaire, the key to a happy life is to be grateful for what he has and to realize that being with the people he loves is more important than being rich. Even if he can be a rich person, he will not be happy if he does not have friends and family. But Balram, the protagonist in The White Tiger, is the type of person who sees wealth as the only symbol of success. He is highly determined and will do anything in order to become a rich person. He does not care if he has to lose his family as long as he can be rich. However, at the end of the novels, both protagonists manage to survive and reach their goals in spite of their poor background and all the difficulties they face.

I think The White Tiger is more realistic than Slumdog Millionaire. It is very good to have such valuable characteristics like Ram's in Slumdog Millionaire, but it is very unlikely for anyone to be as lucky as him. Ram becomes a rich person after winning the top prize of a quiz show, in which all the questions are luckily related to the real events that happened in his life so he can answer all of the questions. In the real world, this is almost impossible to happen. On the

other hand, there are so many people that commit a crime in order to be rich like Balram in The White Tiger. Highly determined people who want to be rich can lose their good characteristics and commit criminal acts. This fact happens in daily life.