

## CHAPTER THREE

### CONCLUSION

Having analysed the theme of Anita Rau Badami's The Hero's Walk through the protagonist, the present writer would like to draw a conclusion. The present writer finds out that this particular novel is concerned with a man's characteristics that change because of the second chance that is given to him. Accordingly, the present writer formulates the theme of the novel as follows: **'One may have the second chance to re-evaluate and change one's life so as to live better.'** The theme is revealed through the protagonist's thoughts, behaviors and actions.

At the beginning, Sripathi Rao, the protagonist, is a stubborn, rude, stingy, unreligious and negative-thinking man. He never forgives his daughter after the humiliation that she has brought to him. However, his characteristics change after he gets the second chance that is given to him through his grandchild. This second chance turns him into a softer, loving, religious and positive-thinking man. These characteristics are contrary to those before the second chance is given to him. He turns into a different kind of person when he finds the way to change his life. He forgives his daughter, he realizes that it is useless for him to keep his anger in his

mind because that cannot solve the problem and will just make him feel sorrowful all his life. He starts to believe in God, because he believes that in God's help he has strength and efforts to look after his grandchild. He begins to be a loving and caring man to his wife, his sister and his granddaughter. In looking after his grandchild, he begins to be generous and more concerned. He realizes that he is the person who is responsible for the child. He turns to be positive-thinking when his grandchild is missing. Thus it is clear that a second chance may be given to one to re-evaluate and change one's life so as to live better.

The present writer finds that this novel shows a moral lesson that is precious in present life. She believes that everybody may get a second chance in their life, but not everybody can realize it so as to improve their life. The present writer is of the opinion that a second chance is a sign that comes from God to make people realize that they are still loved by Him. It is a choice for the people to change their life into a better one.

The present writer wants to point out that through this particular novel, the readers can see the efforts and willingness of a man who tries to change his life into a better one. The present writer concludes that nowadays efforts and willingness are very important in improving our life.

The present writer concludes that Anita Rau Badami is successful in presenting the theme of the novel through the protagonist. The theme is: **'One may have the second chance to re-evaluate and change one's life so as to live better.'** The present writer finds out that The Hero's Walk is a 'touching' novel. This is because the novel clearly shows a man's willingness and struggle to reshape his

mistakes from the past. Through the second chance that is given to him, Sripathi tries to change his sorrowful past life into a better one. He takes the second chance because he is convinced that it can bring him changes and hopes to live better. His hard willingness and belief keep the readers' interest to read this particular novel. The novel also shows that a second chance may be given to someone to change his or her life. The novel gives a message to the reader that we must use the second chance so well so as to live better.