

## APPENDICES

### **SYNOPSIS OF BRICK LANE**

Brick Lane by Monica Ali, tells about the story of a woman named Nazneen, born in Bangladeshi village and transported to London at age eighteen to enter into an arranged marriage. Obeying the traditions of her culture, then Nazneen marries a man old enough to be her father that her parents have already chosen for her and is forced to move to London with him. In London, Nazneen feels out of place and lonely because she cannot speak English knowing only two phrases sorry and thank you. For years she keeps house, cares for her husband and bears children, just as a girl from the village is supposed to do.

Her sister Hasina whom we meet through her letters to Nazneen written over the years and get flashback of Nazneen's life in Bangladesh although the letters written in a broken English.

Nazneen acts as a traditional, dutiful, and useful wife. She questions whether fate controls her or whether she has a hand in her own destiny. Gradually, she starts to break free, first with small acts of rebellion and then an affair with a young man named Karim. He enters Nazneen's life almost everyday, Karim drops off piecework for Nazneen's new sewing job. Young Karim is full of ideas about the injustice shown Muslims and he seeks to galvanize the local Muslims into action against local white militants.

Finally, with the interest of her children in mind, she takes a giant step toward becoming her own self.

## **BIOGRAPHY OF MONICA ALI**

Monica Ali was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and grew up in England. She is one of the Granta's best of young British novelist of the decade. Newcomer of the year at the 2004 British book Awards and has been nominated for most of the major literary prizes in Britain. Brick Lane was shortlisted for the Booker prize,

Monica Ali lives in London with her husband and two children, and working on her next novel.