

## **APPENDICES**

### **Synopsis of The Color Purple**

The novel The Color Purple by Alice Walker tells a story about a black woman who had suffered a lot in her life because of oppression. From this novel, Alice Walker is trying to show us how the woman can survive from the oppression and how she can be strong and independent as a woman and get a better life.

Celie has been raped by her step-father, Alfonso, when she was fourteen years old and she becomes pregnant twice. When Celie had a baby for the first time, Alfonso takes the baby and kills the baby. When Celie gave birth for the second time, Alfonso also takes the baby. This time he did not kill the baby, but he sold the baby.

Celie has a sister named Nettie. Nettie is the only person who cares for Celie. Celie depends on Nettie, until someday Nettie leaves Celie when Celie marries Albert. Celie never uses her husband's name. She only called him "Mr. \_\_\_\_\_". Celie did that because her husband saw her as a slave and he never respects her as his wife. Celie never complain for her husband's behavior because Celie thought that she is nothing and she did not have any courage to fight against her husband.

Celie knows that her husband has an affair with Shug Avery, but she does not care about it. Shug Avery is a bar singer, and Celie adores Shug so much because Shug is very pretty and kind to Celie. Shug helps Celie and supports Celie to change and to be stronger. Shug tried to convince Celie that she is important, and she does not deserve to get such bad treatment in her life. Shug always tells Celie to fight for her rights. Kate, Sofia, and Nettie also support Celie to change and get a better life. Nettie gives support in her letters. The support given by the women are important in Celie's changing.

Celie can eventually realize that life is so important and she has a right to enjoy her life with freedom. Celie can finally feel satisfaction for her life.

### **Biography of Alice Walker**

Alice Walker is a novelist, poet, critic and essayist. She was born in Eatonton, Georgia, USA, on February 9, 1944. Alice Walker was a black child who was born in poverty and had many disadvantages in her life. When she was eight years old, she lost her eyesight in one of her eyes. This happened because her older brother shot her with a gun accidentally.

Her childhood was bad, because she had to face racialism, confrontation and also sexual abuse. This situation made her isolated from her community. She spent much of her time reading and writing about people around her. She was inspired by her mother to be an independent black woman.

She attended Spelman, a leading black woman's college in Atlanta, and received a BA degree from a prestigious white woman's college, Sarah Lawrence, in 1965. She was also active in many political movements, including Civil (Human) Rights, Native American Rights, the Women's Movement, the Anti-Nuclear Movement and movements for peace, freedom and justice in South Africa and Central America.

She has received numerous fellowships, honours and awards for her writing, including The Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the American Book Award in 1983, both for The Color Purple. Alice Walker will be remembered not only as an author, but she will be remembered as a leader for black women's rights.