

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF A CLOCKWORK ORANGE

Alex is a boy of 15 years old. He is young and aggressive, and he wants to create his own world by committing crimes. He lives a normal life like the other kids of his age but he has destructive behaviour as he likes involving himself in violence. He and his three-member gang like breaking the law and harming people in the society. As the leader of his gang, Alex often tells them to spend their nights in the town creating chaos. They steal cars, fight with other gangs, and break into people's houses. Alex even rapes a woman, which causes her to lose her life.

One day Alex has a fight with one of his gang members. This causes his gang to leave and betray him. The police finally catch him after he breaks into a lady's house and torments her until she dies. Alex is sentenced to 14 years imprisonment. He suffers a lot in jail; he is often tortured by other prisoners as well as the guards. After spending 2 years in prison, he is willing to receive a treatment in an experimental rehabilitation program. He is released after the two-week treatment, but he is disappointed to know that the society cannot accept him after his release. They still think that he is a bad person. Furthermore, Alex feels sad for his parents are not ready to accept him back in the family; therefore, he decides to leave his family and

never go back to his parents' house. When Alex wanders alone in the street, he meets the gang members who have been beaten by his gang before. They take their chance to revenge on him and beat him up. Then the police come and separate them. It turns out that the police are Alex's former gang members. Realizing this, the police do not help him but hit him again and again. The hitting is in revenge for Alex's bad behaviour towards them. After being beaten black and blue, Alex is dying. Walking slowly in the rain, he finds a big house nearby and asks for help. The owner of the house helps him but later he realizes that Alex is the boy who has broken into his house and raped his wife. The man tries to take a revenge on him. Knowing the fact, Alex feels desperate. He tries to commit suicide by jumping from the building. Nevertheless, Alex's attempt fails and then he is taken to hospital and he gets treatment for his mental state.

Hearing that Alex is taken to hospital, his parents get worried and come to the hospital to visit him. They can see how much Alex has suffered and then they forgive each other. Finally, Alex can go on with his life, realizing his mistakes. He tries to lead a better life in the future.

BIOGRAPHY OF ANTHONY BURGESS

Jon Anthony Burgess Wilson, who was also called Joseph Kell, was born in Manchester, England on 25 February 1917 to a Catholic family of Irish and Scottish ancestry. Burgess studied at Xaverian College and Manchester University, where he studied English language and literature, and he graduated in 1940.

Burgess was a prolific writer. He had produced over fifty books and hundreds of journalistic pieces. He was an English novelist, a composer, and a critic.

Burgess had also written several biographies. Among his works are The Wanting Seed (1962), Honey for the Bears (1963) and Man of Nazareth (1979). The author's first love was music; he composed a number of works before publishing his first books. One of Burgess' best-known novels is A Clockwork Orange (1962).

Burgess was diagnosed with having a cerebral tumor and he was told to have twelve months to live. Under the early death sentence, Burgess feverishly wrote novels. However, the doctor's diagnosis proved wrong and the author lived another 33 years. He went on writing at least one book a year and he produced hundreds of book reviews until his death in 1993.