

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF THE ROAD

This novel is about a journey of a father and his son during post-apocalypse, caused by an unexplained cataclysm. All things in the world are frightening, the civilization has been destroyed, and some people become cannibals who are often referred to as 'bad guys' by the father and son in the novel. They are lack of food, so the easiest way to get the food is by eating each other. There are many disasters that affect all the things on the earth. The road are covered by ashes and many plants and animals are dead. Because of the frightening situation in the world, the man's wife decides to commit a suicide.

The father and his son try to move out from their present location because the father believes that they cannot survive there. He thinks that their place is not safe, so they decide to move to South. They are looking for a place, which can offer them safety and warmth. During their bleak journey, they face many problems. The father has to struggle in saving his young son from the disaster, storm, starvation and the 'bad guys'. Even though in the end he is dying, he still tries to protect his son. He realizes that he will die, but he continues to struggle to save his son.

After a long journey, finally, the father succeeds to save his son's life but unfortunately, he dies because of his illness. He leaves his son alone on the road but all of his father's efforts are not useless, because three days later, there is a man with a wife and two children who invite the boy to join his family. Finally, the boy is safe from the disaster and he lives a proper life.

BIOGRAPHY OF CORMAC MCCARTHY

Cormac McCarthy is an American novelist. He was born in July 20, 1933, Providence, Rhode Island. Now, he is 76 years old. He is a novelist and a playwright. He was raised in Knoxville, attending the University of Tennessee, then he joined the Air Force and he was serving two of four years in Alaska. In mid 1960s, he traveled through United Kingdom, Southern Europe, and then he returned to Tennessee. After his divorce, he moved to El Paso in 1976. After a few years, he married to Jennifer Winkley and decided to move North of Santa Fe with their son, John McCarthy.

He wrote many notable works such as Blood Meridian, The Evening Pedness in the West, The Border Trilogy, No Country for Old Men and his last work, The Road. McCarthy has also written many plays and screen plays. His earlier work, Blood Meridian in 1985 is placed as number three in the 2006 Time Magazine's list of the greatest American novel of the previous 25 years and is also placed among the 100 best English language books. For the same title taken by The New York Times as the second best book from 125 authors, publishers and editors of the best book. Blood Meridian was adapted a 2007 film, which won four academic awards, including for the best picture. His last novel, The Road was

awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, the 2006 James Tait Black Memorial Prize for fiction, was chosen as one of Oprah's book selections and was a finalist for the 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction. He dedicated The Road to his son, John McCarthy. Many critics state that this book may be the most important environmental book ever.

A literary critic, Harold Bloom named McCarthy as one of the four major American novelists of his time, along with Thomas Pynchon, Don DeLillo, and Philip Roth. He is frequently compared by modern reviewers to William Faulkner and sometimes to Herman Melville.

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