

Book Review

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Title of the book: Shawl; **Author:** Ali Abbas Husaini; **Publisher:** Nand Kishor Vikram; **Year:**2015; **ISBN:**978-81-88298-33

This is the story of Abid and Hamida who are husband and wife. Abid is an employee who travels by train every day in the cold. He had gone to Srinagar to participate in Jashan Bahar Mushaira, in Srinagar He brings a shawl from there for his wife. One day he had to give that shawl to a needy person and because of that a turmoil between telling the truth and disadvantages of lying occurs. The objective of the book is to imply that a man should always speak the truth, no matter how bitter the truth may be.

In this story and fable, we are shown that the truth, no matter how bitter, must be told, because when the illusion of a lie is broken, a person suffers much more. From this story we learn that a person buys many good things for himself, but when it is his turn to give to someone, a person always makes a difference.

The story Shawl beautifully captures the essence of human emotions and moral dilemmas. It reveals how love and compassion often demand sacrifices, even at the cost of personal attachments. Through Abid's internal struggle and ultimate decision to help those in need, the narrative underscores the importance of humanity and selflessness. However, it also illustrates the consequences of dishonesty, even when it stems from good intentions. The guilt that follows Abid serves as a reminder of the weight of truth and the potential harm of lies, no matter how well-meaning.

In the end, the story leaves readers with a profound message: while material possessions may hold sentimental value, their true worth lies in how they can alleviate the suffering of others. Shawl is a powerful tale that encourages reflection on our values and choices, urging us to prioritize empathy, honesty, and humanity in our lives.

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