

**WOMEN INFERIORITY AND STRUGGLE**  
**IN *THE PEARL THAT BROKE ITS SHELL* BY NADIA HASHIMI**

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**Abstract**

The objective of the research is to study about women inferiority and struggle in patriarchal society Afghanistan as seen in the novel *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi. The analysis used the theory of feminism and historical approach. The technique applied is close reading. The main discussion is on the inferiority and struggle of women characters in the story. The treatments to women in patriarchal society bring disadvantages to women and make the women lose their rights in many aspects. The first form of women inferior position is they are powerless in decision making about daughter's marriage. The second form of women inferiority is they get discriminative treatments such as son preference, house works burden, lack in freedom and mobility, get physical abuse and lack in inheritance. The women struggle against these treatments. The forms of women struggle are voicing their opinion, changing their identity for mobility, getting education and working to earn money. To do the struggle the women must become strong and brave because they oppose men and the norms that traditionally exist in Afghanistan society.

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