

**THE EFFECTS OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF AFRO-AMERICAN IN THE *GHOST BOYS* BY JEWELL PARKER RHODES**

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**Abstract**

In this research, the writer analyzes the effects of social problems in *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes. The novel illustrated how the social life of African-American and the most problem towards them. The analysis has two purposes, which are describing about the social problem and the effect towards African-American faced the social problems. The social problem that writer finds are poverty, violence, crime, and racial discrimination. The effect that writer find are anxiety, isolated, and affirmative action. The writer uses the analysis of sociology of literature from Laurent and Swingwood and history approach from Jhones, Bartles as a theory. The method that writer applied is close reading method for searching the details by observe, and collect the data to prove the analysis. The result shows that the Afro-American as illustrated in the novel have poverty, violence, crime and racial discrimination. Those giving impact for their life like anxiety with other, they was isolated with other neighborhood and they want to change their situation against discrimination with affirmative action.

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