

AN OVERVIEW OF JOSEPH CONRAD'S HEART OF DARKNESS

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ABSTRACT

Joseph Conrad, a Polish writer born in 1857, before consolidating himself in the literary world was a sailor in both the French and British navies, wherein 1886 became naturalized English. Subsequently, he abandoned his career at sea to dedicate himself to literature and in 1899 published the novel Heart of Darkness, first divided into three parts at Blackwood's Magazine and in the year 1902 launched as a single book. In the work, Conrad uses a little of the experience he acquired as a sailor, taking inspiration from his own trip to Congo to build the narrative. Despite its Polish nationality and having learned English only at the age of twenty, Conrad achieved a notorious position in the pantheon of the great writers of the language English and therefore The Heart of Darkness has become a classic of literature.

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