

# DISINTEGRATION OF FAMILY IN TAYARI JONE'S AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

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**Abstract-** The project entitled Devastation of family in Tayari Jones's An American Marriage deals with the definition of Literature, different periods in American Literature and types of Literature, definition of literature about different author point of view and Author introduction and her important works and themes of their works. Devastation of family proved that Destruction of relationship explores the complexities of human connection and the impact of various factors such as betrayal, dishonesty, infidelity, or misunderstandings, which can lead to the downfall of relationships. And it also deals with the theory of Family system theory which means human behavior that defines the family unit as a complex social system in which members interact to influence each other's behavior. And it also deals with a solution of problems in family and how to overcome these kinds of problems. The main concept of this project is haven better understanding relationship with a family.

**Key Words:** Family, Understanding. Dishonesty. Misunderstanding, Loyalty.

## Introduction

"An American Marriage" is a critically acclaimed novel written by Tayari Jones, first published in 2018. This compelling story revolves around the lives of newlyweds, Roy and Celestial, whose love and marriage are tested when Roy is wrongfully convicted of a crime he didn't commit. The novel explores themes of love, loyalty, justice, and racial inequality in contemporary America, making it a thought-provoking and emotionally charged narrative. It's a vast and diverse field with a rich history.

The novel delves into the complexities of love and relationships, particularly the love between the newlyweds, Roy and Celestial. Their love is tested when Roy is wrongfully imprisoned, raising questions about commitment and loyalty. The book addresses the theme of racial inequality and the criminal justice system in America. Roy's wrongful conviction highlights the systemic racism and discrimination that disproportionately affects African Americans. The story examines the impact of Roy's imprisonment on his family and the dynamics between the characters. It explores the bonds and tensions within the family unit.

The novel explores the aspirations and ambitions of its characters, shedding light on the influence of social class and economic circumstances on their lives. The characters' journeys reflect themes of resilience and the possibility of redemption, as they strive to overcome adversity and rebuild their lives. "An American Marriage" is a thought-provoking and emotionally charged story that engages with these themes to create a compelling narrative about love, justice, and the American experience.

Tayari Jones is celebrated for her contributions to American literature and her ability to tackle important societal issues in her novels, making her a prominent figure in the literary world.

## Trauma

Trauma refers to a deeply distressing or disturbing experience that can have long-lasting negative effects on a person's mental and emotional well-being. It can result from various events such as accidents, abuse, or other traumatic incidents. Trauma can greatly impact a person and may require professional support for healing and recovery.

## Devastation of Roy Life

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones, there is a disintegration of the marriage between Roy and Celestial. The novel explores the impact of Roy's wrongful conviction and imprisonment on their relationship. As they face the challenges of separation and the strain it puts on their bond, their marriage begins to crumble. The disintegration is depicted through their emotional distance, communication breakdown, and the growing resentment between them. Jones delves into the complexities of love, loyalty, and the effects of systemic injustices on personal relationships.

Roy's life is turned upside down when he is wrongfully convicted of a crime he did not commit. This unjust imprisonment devastates his sense of justice and freedom. He serves a significant portion of his life behind bars,

missing out on important moments, opportunities, and experiences. This loss of time and potential is deeply devastating. This disintegration of Roy's marriage with Celestial adds to his devastation.

Roy experiences intense emotional distress, grappling with feelings of anger, frustration, and hopelessness. The weight of his circumstances and the uncertain future contribute to his devastation. Roy's wrongful conviction forces him to question his identity and place in society. The devastation lies in the struggle to reclaim his sense of self and rebuild his life after such a traumatic experience.

Benetton it up, I told her \_ and they looked to be having themselves a merry little Christmas. (232)

Devastation in Roy and "celestial life." Devastation in royalty often refers to the downfall or destruction of royal families or monarchies, which can be caused by various factors such as political turmoil, external threats, or internal conflicts. "celestial life" typically denotes a life of great happiness, prosperity, or spiritual fulfillment. It can be associated with concepts like paradise, enlightenment, or an ideal state of existence.

### **Jay Gatsby**

Roy's character from "An American Marriage" compared with one interesting comparison could be with Jay Gatsby from F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." Both Roy and Gatsby are driven by their dreams and aspirations, seeking a better life and striving for success. They both face significant challenges and setbacks that ultimately shape their characters. Roy, like Gatsby, experiences a sense of disillusionment when his dreams are shattered by external circumstances. Both characters also struggle with the idea of identity and the pursuit of the American Dream. While Gatsby's pursuit is more focused on wealth and social status, Roy's pursuit revolves around love, justice, and personal freedom. In comparing these characters, we can explore themes of ambition, the fragility of dreams, and the impact of societal expectations on individuals. Both Roy and Gatsby serve as complex and compelling characters who navigate the complexities of their respective worlds.

### **Conclusion**

"An American Marriage" with a bittersweet yet hopeful ending. Without giving away too much, she offers a sense of closure for the characters while acknowledging the lasting impact of their experiences. The conclusion highlights the complexities of love, forgiveness, and the choices we make in the face of adversity. Jones skillfully navigates the emotional landscape of the story, leaving readers with a mix of emotions, including sadness, empathy, and a glimmer of hope. It's a poignant and thought-provoking ending that encourages reflection on the themes explored throughout the novel.

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