



Heming Ways Selected Short Stories & Heroic Code

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A Day's Wait:- The story describes a nine year old boy, Schatz who suffers mild flu but mistook it to be a severe illness because misunderstanding results when he takes 102 degree Celsius to be 102 degree Fahrenheit. He certainly feels that he would die but bravely overcomes this fear all by himself without informing his father. At the end he tells him that results in relaxing his fear. This story captures miscommunication between the boy and his father.

The Short Happy Life of Macomber :- Macomber loves his wife for her beauty while his wife loves him for his wealth. Thus both tries to adjust their marriage. And when she saw his failure in hunting she tries to overcome the cowardice of her husband by sleeping with the hunter Wilson whom she admires very much. But later on he comes out of age this makes her very angry as she fears her own independence making a clever choice to murder him to find independence.

A Farewell to Arms:- Henry the main protagonist works as an ambulance serving during the World War first. The American lieutenant Henry got wounded and was taken to the hospital where he fell in love with a nurse Catherine. They both are attracted towards each other and Catherine gets pregnant. The caesarean operation fails and life of Catherine is in danger. Seeing his beloved in danger, he prays to God to save her but she dies bidding farewell in his arms, leaving him isolated and lonely. Here Hemingway describes the theme of love and war.

The Killers:- It describes the heroic fatalism of Ole a former Swedish boxer. Nick who goes to warn Ole that there were two hit men ready to kill him, without fearing them and risking his own life. Although Sam feels that he is too foolish and childish to go there to warn him, he sends him there. Ole is tired of running his time so he accepts the truth that life is inevitable. His acceptance of fate describes his heroic fatalism. But this makes Nick feel disillusioned as all the efforts to go and warn him turns futile so he feels disappointed to find his own courage in vain.

Hills Like White Elephants:- The American man and Jig waits at Spain railway station where the man insists the girl to go for an abortion which the girl does not want to get done. But soon surrenders to his wishes and agrees to get this abortion done and follows his wish to maintain her former relationship with the man she loves.

Heroic qualities of his code heroes-

His main protagonist has the courage and the bravery to face death all alone holding fear within. But sometimes feels tormented due to war and feels disillusioned as he is left with no choice. And, has a strong desire to be loved desperately feeling his existence in danger tries to escape the bitter memories of war to recover from futile existence to recover from physical and mental illness. But faces death accepting it bravely as he is gifted with peculiar abilities and possibilities to face death and to find freedom in love. And feels disguised by the authentic existence so reality confronts unexpected vastness of fear resulting in hazardous endurance.

