

# Shikasta Re-Colonised: A Haunting Exploration of Colonialism and Identity



## Shikasta: Re, Colonised Planet 5 (Vintage International)

by Doris Lessing

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Doris Lessing's *Shikasta Re-Colonised* is a powerful and thought-provoking novel that explores the devastating effects of colonialism on both the colonizers and the colonized. Set on the planet Shikasta, the novel follows the story of Johor, a young woman who is struggling to find her place in a world that has been ravaged by war and oppression.

Lessing's writing is both beautiful and unflinching, and she offers a unique and unforgettable perspective on the human condition. *Shikasta Re-Colonised* is a must-read for anyone interested in colonialism, postcolonialism, or science fiction.

## The Devastating Effects of Colonialism

*Shikasta Re-Colonised* is a powerful indictment of colonialism. Lessing shows how colonialism destroys both the colonizers and the colonized. The

colonizers are corrupted by their power, and they become increasingly violent and oppressive. The colonized are dehumanized and exploited, and they are forced to live in poverty and squalor.

Lessing's novel is particularly insightful in its portrayal of the psychological effects of colonialism. She shows how colonialism can damage the minds of both the colonizers and the colonized. The colonizers develop a sense of superiority that leads them to believe that they are entitled to exploit the colonized. The colonized develop a sense of inferiority that leads them to believe that they are worthless.

### **The Importance of Identity**

*Shikasta Re-Colonised* is also a novel about identity. Johor is struggling to find her place in a world that has been shaped by colonialism. She is both a colonizer and a colonized, and she is torn between two different cultures. Johor's journey of self-discovery is a powerful reminder of the importance of identity. She learns that she can only find true happiness when she embraces her own unique identity.

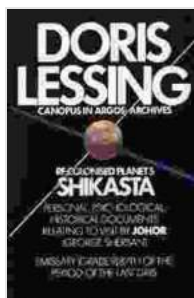
### **A Haunting Exploration of the Human Condition**

*Shikasta Re-Colonised* is a haunting exploration of the human condition. Lessing shows us the best and worst of humanity. She shows us how capable we are of both great love and great cruelty. She shows us how we can be both victims and victimizers. Lessing's novel is a powerful reminder that we are all connected, and that we must all work together to create a more just and equitable world.

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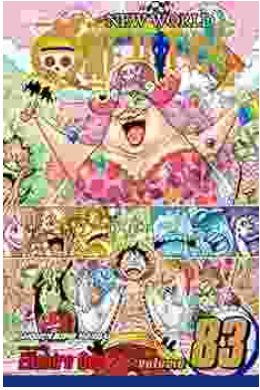
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