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Study of the Implied Reader in Lina Keilani's Stories

Children's literature is a special type of literature that searches its audience among children.

Despite the importance of children's literature in the life of children, this kind of literature is not progressed as that must be. And the lack of systematic criticism is one of the main reasons of this problem. Criticism can increase interaction between children's authors and their books and between the children and books. Among these, critical method should be existed that counts the children as a reader and relates the readers and text of books. Critical method that can help the understanding of a book and help to discover the readers in the book. This critical method is established by Aidan Chambers in 1985. He believes that literature is the way to express something. Therefore it needs a reader to complete the process of reading. And if this is correct, this is also true that the author during writing puts somebody as an audience, who calls him implied reader.

In Arabic literature, Lina Keilani, the Syrian author, spend more than three decades of her life to write for children and in these years, she has been very popular between children and adults and her works are paid attention by children book's critics and she could obtain valid awards and now she is member in many children institutes. However in her literary works for children, the systematical criticisms are not mentioned. Omission of this kind of criticisms in Keilani's works and besides the importance of criticism and implied reader theory in the explanation of quality of children literature caused this investigation to be done and to criticize and explore the implied reader in Keilani's stories.

Therefore this thesis is divided to five chapters. First, Introduction and overview, in chapter two, implied reader is completely introduced. In chapter three, Keilani and scientific and literary life is investigated. In chapter four, Keilani's stories base on implied reader are studied and finally

the last chapter is about the results of thesis.