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**A Study of Characterization in Five Sacred Defense Novels (War Novels) (*The Eagles of the Sixtieth Hill, Shamshad and the Forth Wish, The Four-Member Battalion, The Bird Hunter, and Jonah's Romantics in Fish Belly*)**

One of the consequences of the Sacred Defense is the emergence of a branch of literature called Resistance Literature. And of course children's literature is influenced by this kind of genre: Resistance Literature.

The main genre in children and young adult literature which is influenced by the Sacred Defense is young adult novel and fiction. As characterization is the main success factor in young adult novel, this research has attempted to reveal characterization techniques in these novels.

Thereby the present research has studied five young adult war novels (the Sacred Defense novels) *The Eagles of the Sixtieth Hill, Shamshad and the Forth Wish, The Four-Member Battalion, The Bird Hunter, and Jonah's Romantics in Fish Belly*.

Different methods of characterization have been studied in these novels from various dimensions and points of view. Research method is based on content analysis and the research approach is analytic-descriptive. Findings show that characterization has a special place in these novels and the writers have favored indirect characterizations.

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