APPENDIX

SUMMARY OF THE NOVEL BELOVED

The novel begins with an introduction to house number 124, which is haunted by a baby. The house belongs to Sethe, an ex-slave who has run away from slavery since eighteen years ago. The house is haunted by the spirit of Sethe’s two-year-old baby, Beloved, who is killed by Sethe because it is better choice rather than return to the slavery.

Sethe stays with the youngest daughter named Denver. Two other sons of her: Howard and Buglar have run away when they are thirteen. Sethe’s mother-in-law, Baby Suggs, who owns this house died eight years ago. Sethe’s husband, Halle, is presumably dead. Sethe never sees him after leaving Sweet Home.

Then Paul D comes into 124 and in Sethe’s life. He is the one of five Sweet Home men who is still alive. The five men of Sweet Home were Paul A, Paul D, Paul F, Sixo, Halle Suggs. Paul D and Sethe need each other because of their same experience of the horror of slavery. Because of their sorrows, they fall in love to each other. They have a plan to marry until one day, when Sethe, Paul D, and Denver return home from a carnival, Beloved comes to the house as a grown-up-woman ghost. Sethe and Denver like Beloved. But Paul D does not like her.

At first, Denver and Beloved become friends and good sisters. And then, when Denver knows that Beloved is the baby ghost of her older sister who wants to revenge her mother for killing her, Denver thinks that she must protect her mother. But Beloved’s arrival has made Sethe come back into the past life until
she becomes abnormal. Sethe is forced to be abnormal because she has submitted herself to Beloved, that makes Beloved become the cold-blooded mother of Sethe. The function of Sethe changes as Beloved's child; mother has changed roles.

Denver tries to get help from the society for food as well as exorcising Beloved since Sethe becomes weaker day after day. Finally, the society pray for Sethe and Sethe is set free from Beloved (becomes normal). When Paul D comes back to her, they plan to build a happy family between Sethe, Paul D and Denver.