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From the East comes the sun
Bringing a new and unspoiled day
It has already circled the Earth and
Looked upon distant lands and
Far-away peoples.

It has passed over mountain ranges and
The waters of the seven seas.
It has shown upon laborers in the fields,
Into the windows of homes,
And shops, and factories.

It has beheld cities with gleaming towers,
And also the hovels of the poor.
It has been witness
To both good and evil,
The works of honest men and women and
The conspiracy of knaves.

It has seen marching armies, bomb-blasted villages
And “the destruction that wasteth at noonday.”
Now, unsullied from its tireless journey,
It comes to us,
Messenger of the morning.
Harbinger of a new day.”

(Clinton Lee Scott)

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_A Painted House_ is one of John Grisham’s novels, which becomes his twelfth novel after he has written _The Brethren_. In 2000, this novel was published serially in the magazine in Mississippi. Then, it was published in New York as a single volume edition of novel in 2001.

By using the traditional approach, especially sociological approach, this thesis describes the social condition of society in Arkansas. There is a strong tendency to blame social problems on the individual rather than on the social. Most people define a social problem as behavior that deviates from the norms and standards of society. Because people do not ordinarily examine critically the way business is conducted in society, they tend to question the exception. The system is not only taken for granted; it has, for most people, an aura of sacredness because of traditions and custom the associate with the system.

Based on analysis of this novel, the writer suggested that by reading the novel critically, readers can realize that the condition in the society may attempt to influence and determine every individual’s characteristics. They can understand it and get good message from it as well as pleasure.
**ABSTRAK**


Berdasarkan analisa skripsi ini, penulis menyarankan kepada pembaca bahwa dengan membaca novel secara teliti, pembaca bisa menyadari bahwa kondisi atau keadaan di masyarakat akan bisa mempengaruhi dan membentuk karakter seseorang. Pembaca akan
bisa memahami dengan baik sehingga mendapatkan hal yang baik atau bermanfaat bagi mereka sendiri.