**Quotations**

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**Pg 10 "waking up one night giggling at Estha's funny dream"**

- this is important because it shows the reader how connected Rahel and Estha are as twins and how their relationship is very close.

**Pg 13 “ A quiet bubble floating on a sea of noise”**

-This quote refers to Estha after he goes mute. This is a significant quote because it shows what he must have appeared to look like in the streets of Ayemenem.

**Pg 9-10 “If I were you,” he said, “I’d go home quietly.” Then he tapped her breasts with his baton. Gently. Tap tap. As though he was choosing mangoes from a basket…. Inspector Thomas Mathew seemed to know whom he could pick on and whom he couldn’t. Policemen have that instinct.”**

-This quote is significant because it shows what an important role the different levels of class plays in the novel. Thomas is more powerful than Ammu because he is a man. Ammu is helpless in certain situations because she is a women and inferior.

**Pg 31 “Perhaps Ammu, Estha and she were the worst transgressors. But it wasn’t just them. It was the others too. They all broke the rules. They all crossed into forbidden territory. They all tampered with the laws that lay down who should be loved and how. And how much. The laws that make grandmothers grandmothers, uncles uncles, mothers mothers, cousins cousins, jam jam, and jelly jelly.”**

-This quote refers to the relationships, definition of class, and familial bond in the novel. It is important because the relationship aspect and forbidden love laws are broken by Ammu, Velutha, Estha and Rahel.

**Pg 112. “D’you know what happens when you hurt people?’ Ammu said. ‘When you hurt people, they begin to love you less. That’s what careless words do. They make people love you a little less.”**

-This quote is important because it is a part of the theme of the novel. The theme is others hurting each other in different ways.

**Pg 338 “They knew there was nowhere for them to go. They had nothing. No future. So they stuck to small things.They laughed at the ant-bites on each other’s bottoms. At clumsy caterpillars sliding off the ends of leaves. At overturned beetles that couldn’t right themselves . . . at a particularly devout praying mantis.”**

- This takes place after Velutha and Ammus make love. This is significant because it shows that they know they have no future between them.

**Pg 169 “As Estha stirred the thick jam he thought two thoughts and the two thoughts he thought were these: anything can happen to anyone and it is best to be prepared.”**

-This quote is significant because it is a life lesson that Estha learned. This is what she tries to share with people.

**Pg 300 “It’s a terrible thing to take a person’s life,” Baby Kochamma said.  “It’s the worst thing that anyone can ever do.  Even God doesn’t forgive that.  You know that, don’t you?”**

-Baby Kochamma is causing Estha and Rahel to feel guilt for Sophie Mol’s death. This is significant because it shows the ways Baby Kochamma is tricky.