

“A STUDY OF STRUGGLE AND DEFEAT OF WOMEN IN ANN PETRY’S *THE STREET*”

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ABSTRACT

Ann Lane Petry was a prolific African American writer. Female protagonists and their issues are major in her writing. *The Street* was an outstanding achievement of *Ann Lane Petry* in African American literature that published in 1946. This novel explores the African-American woman’s struggle for find a place in their society. It also explores different aspects of urban *life*. This novel set in Harlem in the 1940s. It discussed the difficulties of a single woman and mother. Ann Lane Petry very beautifully described the black and white American experience in her novels. *The Street* was a strong social commentary on disappoint of black urban life in the 1940s. It was well appreciated and successful novel by Ann Lane Petry. *The Street* particularly explored the black female struggle in African American women creative efforts. Ann Lane Petry’s main purpose was to interpret this struggle from a feminist perspective. *The Street* was a masterwork that revealed urban black life as African American fiction.

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