

HIDE AND SEEK WITH PAST: FLASHBACK AS A TRAUMA SYMPTOM IN SAPPHIRE'S PUSH

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ABSTRACT

The paper intends to study in detail, one of the major symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder found in the trauma victims, the intrusion of past into the present applying its major features to Sapphire's novel Push. The past is reenacted in the present giving the impression that the event is happening in the present itself. The traumatic moment is engraved in the memory, permanently in most cases, in the form of flashbacks during the conscious state of the victim and as horrible nightmares during their sleep. Here this intrusive nature of trauma into the present is focused.

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