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ABSTRACT

The story of the novel “Outsiders in Indonesia” revolves around four expatriate relief workers, from four different countries, who have become prisoners of their own desires, dreams, fears, and prejudices. They are committed humanitarian workers helping people affected by a major disaster, but at the same time they are also human beings who can’t escape the basic human instincts that motivate our actions. In addition to being an exploration into intimate human desires, the novel is also a study of cross-cultural encounters – in a multinational, multicultural, multiracial workplace setting – that are fraught with echoes of historical injustices propagated by colonial and racial schemes.