

Dear Lev Nikolaevich!

I just want to share with you my impressions after reading your novel "War and Peace". I have read many different books and I liked most parts of them. But "War and Peace" made me think about several things more than other books.

When I was 15 years old I read this book for the first time, but at that time I did not really understand all of the thoughts that you wanted to tell.

But not so long ago I read it again, I saw the same things so differently! You could show the characters their fates, relations and problems so lively that after reading I felt like I was in that world that you created. I liked this book, also because this novell was about real life of real people.

It's a huge book! I heard, that you and your wife rewrote it several

times! I can not imagine how hard it was...

So, in your novel I learned many different types of human characters. And sometimes I even compare characters from "War and Peace" with people whom I meet in my life. It's so interesting and sometimes funny!

The most important point of your novel that showed me was how easily people can change.

When I read about Andrey when he felt like the old oak, I was sorry about him and I felt like he felt during the reading of that part. But when he met Natasha and was so happy, I was happy with him too.

But I really didn't like the changes which Natasha had. I was so mad at her! I didn't understand - how could she date Anatoliy Kuragin when she even was engaged with Andrey?

But then I was thinking and thought that that we often

make people change.

Natasha helped Andrey and made him feel better. It was a good change.

But Anatoliy had a bad change to Natasha, because she was too young and even didn't understand the whole details.

And it made me to think how I change people around me?

Am I helping them to feel better or not?

Thank you for this thought!

My favorite character was Andrey and that's why I felt his sorrows and happinesses with him.

Also, I liked some parts about war, because I like to see how people behave themselves in war. When the things around people are changing, their behavior changes also.

It was many people who didn't want to go to the army, and the biggest part of them were rich men. When I read it I saw frank discrimination, and a big difference between poor and rich people.

I was so sorry about people who died in the war, I even cried.

It's so sad, especially when you're thinking that is true. It was so then and in our days many people are dying because of wars.

I think you very clearly showed the rich people in St. Petersburg and Moscow during the war and the difference between them and poor peasants. I was so mad at those men and women! When the other people were in the army, when they were hungry, suffered the big needs and even died, those rich people made the balls, great dinners and simply spent their time in pleasure, they weren't caring about what happened outside their houses.

Then I thought, sometimes we do like these people. When someone has a problem we even don't want to know about it, because their problems is not ours. It's not right, because we should

help each other. Thanks for this important thought!

Oh! I was so crying when I was reading about Andrey's death! It's so sad. I think, if Natasha weren't unfaithful, everything would be different.

But do you know what? I even didn't expect this kind of ending! I couldn't imagine that Natasha would be married to Bezhov. They are so opposite to each other. But then I thought that this end was right and logical, because there is consequence of our human nature. All people in their subconsciousness want to produce the family and family's hearth. And, I think Natasha made her choice to follow her nature and she found happiness in the care of children and husband.

What a beautiful picture of family's happiness!

Your book is very heart-felt and thoughtful! Thanks a lot!

Sincerely yours,  
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