

## SYNOPSIS

*The Road* is a novel that tells about two men journeying at the end of the world (apocalyptic event) and also describes the end of the world conditions of US after the apocalypse which is setting in United States of America. Those main characters are a father and a son. The father and the son had a target to get into a warm place after the apocalypse by going to South Beach. It was because in the Northeast Area where they had lived before it was winter. The father and the son had to be on the road for several months to reach South Beach. However, they had to keep moving because they could not stay too long in any one place because there were many dangers from environment and other survivors.

The boy's mother, who had been pregnant with him at the time of the cataclysm, quickly felt overwhelmed by this nightmare of apocalypse and committed suicide few years before the story begins. On the road, the father struggled facing extreme danger and fearing that he had to kill his son to prevent him from suffering a more terrible fate. Some horrific examples of struggles faced by the father and the son were facing some cannibals and the mysterious people in the Northeast Area of USA which includes chained captives kept captive by a marauding band; captives found locked in a basement and in the process of being slowly cannibalized, their limbs gradually harvested by their captors; and a decapitated human infant being roasted on a spit. The Father must protect his son from them and he must find some solutions to overcome starvation that awaited him and his son.

On the road, many problems that father had to face includes the environmental, a challenges the son's oppositions toward his decision. Within himself, the father had to struggle in making a good decision for each of the problems faced. One day, the boy became hostile toward his father because of the father's effort to protect him from the robbers. The robbers stole the father's equipments and the father chased the robber and took everything that the robbers had. And the son considered that the father had done evil to the robber. Yet through this father's anger and protective he showed his love toward the boy because he was the only one he had. Before they arrived at South Beach, the father died because of his sickness. After three days of the father's death one group of refugees took the son and raised him as their own son.