

## APPENDIX I

### Synopsis of *Small Great Things*

*Small Great Things* novel tells about an African-American nurse named Ruth Jefferson. She had been working in the Mercy-West Heaven hospital for twenty years especially in a labor and delivery nurse. Ruth has a small family, include her son named Edison who will continue his study to the college. Her husband was died in Afghanistan in his army mission. In the family of her mother Ruth had an elder sister named Adisa and her mother who was old enough but she still works as a maid in Caucasian people's house.

In the hospital, Ruth took a good care of her patients and always got along with her patients even with a small chat. She also constructed the relationship between nurse and patient so, they could be familiar. There were rarely any patients who had a problem with their colors. But there was a time when, a patients who had the problem with African-American nurse in the hospital. The parents were white supremacists and did not want Ruth, who is African-American to touch their child. It was Turk Bauer and his wife named Britany who came to Mercy-West Heaven hospital as parents of a patient, because his wife would give birth to their first child. After their child was born they gave him name Davis. In the beginning of labor to completion of Davis birth was treated by Lucille. It was still after that, the nursing Davis was transferred to Ruth. Then the parents of Davis did not want Ruth to touch their child. The hospital complied and Ruth was replaced by Corinne.

The next day, as a newborn baby, Davis took a circumcision surgery with the help of Ruth. The surgery was done and Ruth who did not have any business was selected to keep Davis in the surgery room alone. A few minutes later, the baby went into cardiac distress while, Ruth was alone in the nursery. Ruth hesiated before performing CPR to the baby, because in her mind she thought that she should obey the orders or disobey it. However, in the end even though she did CPR. Davis still died.

Ruth was jailed for being accused for the murder of davis. One week later, Ruth was taken to the court and given the right to defend herself with a defense lawyer at her side. Kennedy McQuarrie was a Caucasian lawyer who took her case. As the trial moved forward, they shared the racial discrimination perspective from each other sides to win the justice. Many events and impression which is eventually

changed the way of perspective and mindset of both of them. Time to time they could understand each other feelings and they already faced the court. Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.

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### Biography of Jodi Picoult

Jodi Picoult is an American author who was born on May 19 1966, in Long Island, New York until her family moved to New Hampshire when she was adolescent. Picoult wrote her first novel *Song of the Humpback Whale* (1992) when she studied in the creative writing at Princeton University, where she obtained her bachelor's degree. She also got her master's degree in education from Harvard University. She lives in Hanover, New Hampshire with her married man Timothy Warren van Leer and her three children : Samantha, Kyle and Jake. Jodi Picoult is an internationally bestselling author of literary fiction and some of her novel also to be number one on the Australian and New Zealand fiction bestseller lists. In 2003, Jodi Picoult was awarded by the New England Bookseller Award for fiction. During 25 years, she also received many awards in the literary work, like a *Waterstone's Author of the Year in the UK*, the *Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award*, an *Alex Award from the Young Adult Library Services Association*, the *Book Browse Diamond Award for novel of the year*, a *Vermont Green Mountain Book Award* and among others. Therefore, she is an amazing author who has written over twenty four novels that includes *Perfect Match* (2002), *My Sister's Keeper* (2004), *Sing You Home* (2011), *Lone Wolf* (2012), *The Storyteller* (2013), *Leaving time* (2014), *Small Great Things* (2016). Some of those literary works have been made into film, like *My Sister's Keeper* which was made into film in 2009, *The Pact* was made into film in 2002. Her latest novel *Small Great Things* tells the story of an African American labor and delivery nurse and the racism surrounding her care of a white supremacist couple's newborn son and she tell NPR's Scott Simon what compelled her to write this story is being adapted to film and it will be produced by Marc Platt ( *La La Land*) and Adam Siegel.