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- Explain the objective of your written work

- Make reference to the review and the text titles

- List the journalist’s judgement and opinions

- Develop your argumentation/s point by point

- Draw your conclusion

The paragraph I’m going to write regards the review of the novel “Exit West”, written by Mohsin Amid. I’m going to discuss the journalist’s judgement and opinions by the way of my considerations.

Right from the title, the journalist explains in synthesis the contents of the novel: “magic and violence in migrants’ tale – a couple flee their war-torn city for Europe in a parable of love, displacement and the search for belonging”. I agree with the title because it contains all the features of the novel, that is also a tale and a parable, as the journalist says. It has magical elements like the black doors, typical characteristics of the fairy tale, that, in my opinion, are useful to take distance to the brutal reality of the city “swollen by refugees but still mostly at peace”. I said “brutal reality” because it’s the sign that I mostly printed in my mind; the violence and the “social damage” that “injures private lives”, alluding to the title of the 2nd paragraph of the review, make me reflects on a possible true reality, that exists around the world but me, North-Italian before than European citizen, I’m not used to attend. Probably the effect of reality that impressed me was created by the simple and unclear use of language, that better catch the attention of the reader instead of, for example, a sci-fi film, more distant.

In conclusion, the “parable” aspect of the novel is the one that most strike me. A moral lesson that makes me reflect on a precarious world situation, in light of latest events.