

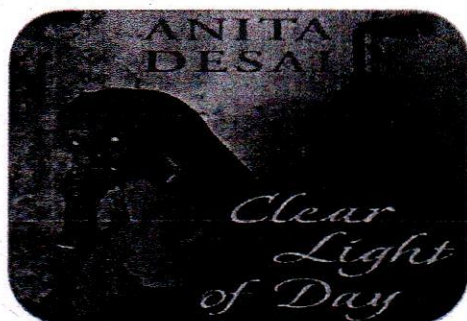


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THE THEME OF COMPLEXITY IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS IN ANITA DESAI'S NOVELS

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ABSTRACT:

Anita Desai is one of the most eminent literary personalities in India English Literature. She has focused upon the miserable condition of women who are kept under the pressure of male dominance. The picture of Indian women which Desai draws is the dark side of our society. The human relationships receive the changes according to changes in socio-economic development of society. The human beings run behind the materialistic world and do not get the meaning of life in its required time and manner. The complexity in relationships is the result of lack of love and respect for each other. The modern world has brought many positive changes in our lives but we have ignored the bitterness of our

relationships. Desai has shown through her novels that if the relations are not maintained with love, respect and sympathy, there will always be complexities in them.

KEYWORDS: protagonist, human relationships, complexity, temperaments.

INTRODUCTION

The novels of Anita Desai are the perfect reflections of the miserable condition of life of Indian women. She has written the large numbers of novels and short stories. Her literary works are appreciated not only in India but in abroad too. The multicultural family background of Anita Desai has supported her in her task. Desai is very much concerned with the human relationship which goes through various difficult stages. Desai feels that the marriage institution faces the unavoidable problems due to lack of love, belief and respect. In modern era of globalization,

where the world has come to the door, the human relations are far away things. There is communication gap between husband and wife, mother and father and parents and children. Desai has stressed upon the need of respect and loyalty in human relationships. Her novels are very realistic in bringing out the complexity in human relationships and their consequences. In fact, the women become the victims of complexity of human relationships as they are not as practical as men are. Desai female characters are very sensible in nature. They are not related with the realities of life hence, they have difference of opinions with their male counterparts.

In the present research paper, an

attempt has been made to study the theme of complexity in human relationship in the selected novels of Anita Desai.

In Custody:

It is one of the most remarkable novels by Anita Desai. She has very systematically presented the complexity of human relationship in this novel. Deven is the protagonist of the novel. He is a temporary lecturer in a college. His financial condition is not so good as he hardly matches with the monthly expense. Sarla is Deven's wife who has dreams of being rich and having luxuries facilities. However, her marriage with Deven shows her the reality of life. She has to adjust in whatever her husband

