



A THEME OF MARRIAGE AND EXTRAMARITAL RELATIONSHIP IN RAVINDER SINGH'S NOVEL OF "THIS LOVE THAT FEELS RIGHT..."

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ABSTRACT

This Present research paper spotlight the marriage and extramarital relationship in the novel of "This Love that feels Right..." by Ravinder Singh. It is the story of Naina Singhania. She is a twenty-five-year-old married young woman in Indian a middle-class family. Her husband is a very busy businessman in real estate. He has no time for family. At the last moment of his honeymoon, he postpones the business deal. Naina breaks all of these social restrictions, customs and joins Gym for her fitness and weight loss. She wears a fashionable and sports bra in the Gym. She got a chance to love after marriage with another person who is not her husband, who is a gym trainer Aarav. This Novel shows a mirror of Indian society in the present era. Novelist Ravinder Singh portrait Indian middle-class society young common women and their wish and desire about her life. Naina finds the real meaning of marriage and true love and various aspect of life. The present research paper aims to study marriage and extramarital relationships in Ravinder Singh's novel "This Love that feels Right..."

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INTRODUCTION

Naina is the protagonist of the novel. She is the wife of Siddharth Singhania. Siddharth is a gentleman and a good human being. Manvika is the best friend whom Naina met in the gym and she is also married and good-looking. She works in T.V. Journals. Naina and Manvika are both in the same gym. On the topic of marriage and extramarital relationship both are discussing personal things and debate with each other. Aarav is the gym trainer of Naina.

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Aarav is good-looking and having an attractive personality. He is famous in the gym training field. In the duration of the gym workout, Naina attracts the gym trainer Arnav. He is also in proximity with her and fell in love with Naina. Both are in extramarital relationships. She feels with Aarav true love and this love and this love that feels right...

In college life, Nina didn't enjoy hostel life and travel of the metro. She got married quite early in comparison to her classmates. She always trusts her parents and family to make the right choice for her on her behalf. Siddharth is her parent's business friend. They transformed their business friendship into a relationship without discussion with Naina. They don't ask any opinion of her life partner. She didn't get a chance to speak her opinion. Parents have to give chance to say the opinion of their children. In this case, it is forgotten Naina's point of view of marriage, she explains her feeling to her busy husband in this way...

*Naina says: Why did you marry me when you were
Already married to your business.¹ (Singh, P.21)*

Siddharth has no time for family. He has busy schedule. He gives first preference to his business. We already know the propose business deal he postponed due to their honeymoon. Naina wants her husband to give more and more time and understand her feelings and emotions as well as interact with both life partner to each other.

She joins a gym to lose weight and her goal of joining the gym is physical fitness. She has achieved it, but in the meanwhile, she is attracted towards the gym trainer Aarav. In the gym workout both are proximity. He touches her body in the gym in workout. After finishing workouts in the gym her body relaxes after some time but her mind didn't relax, her mind rethinking to him. She changes her lifestyle and wearing a stylish sports bra for the workout in the gym. She always thinking about Aarav. Both are kissing in during of the workout in the gym. Both are communicating each other through phone calls and sms. Both are going shopping in the absence of her husband. She didn't feel guilty in all types of actions with Aarav. She enjoys of life with Aarav and says her love with Aarav is right in this way...

It didn't feel wrong to be in his arms, to kiss him-it felt just right. The way I felt for Aarav, I'd never felt for anyone. I was married to Siddharth but I loved Aarav. That was the first time I understood how if it is love, it always feels right.² (Singh p, 209)

Marriage is not only a social restriction and social obligation. Marriage is one of the socially accepted bond. Marriage is one of the most important responsibilities. It is a mutual understanding of each other. Wife and husband are two sides of marriage. Both are very

important and both are equal. Both are life partners who can share sorrow and grief as well as enjoy happiness of life.

One of the characters in this novel Mavika describes she how beautiful marriage life is in her words after her realization...

That a husband and wife are two social beings who have come to live together... that marriage is a commitment to share each other's lives, not to control each other.³ (Singh p.213)

This line shows the importance of marriage and the commitment of each other. In the past, parents were decided on marriage. Most of the time parents were not asked about their daughter's opinion on marriage. They never discussed her with her about her life partner. In the past an old aged man married a young girl. Unfortunately, the husband died in an aged case that time young age wife also sacrifices her life for her husband. One of the social customs is *Sathi*. It is an inequality situation in society for that woman's life. The women could not marry again as well as didn't live as a widow also, but men easily marry many times after the death of wife.

Attraction is a natural and extramarital affair is not only in this era but it happened in past. The novelist gives a reference to extramarital relationships in this novel in this way...

Attraction is just natural. Just like love. Even the gods and the king of gods, Indra, haven't been spared of its effect. He disguised as sage Gautama and had sex with the letter's wife, Ahalya... Extramarital affairs in the human civilization are going to continue till the concept of marriage survives... desire is own fuel...⁴ (Singh. P, 219)

It is a very difficult situation for a woman who is in extramarital relationships with another person attached emotional and deep feelings with other than her husband. Naina is physically relationships with her husband and emotionally attachment with Aarav. The Present novel Nania is a prominent example of Indian society and a mirror of Indian society. Naina explains her condition in the novel in this way ...

I wanted to be with Aarav. But the twist in my story is that I didn't quite my marriage to be with Aarav. I quite because I realized it wasn't right for me to be in a wrong relationship.⁵ (Singh, P.227)

CONCLUSION:

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Marriage is social responsibility and mutual understandings of both the life partners. In Marriage, both partners have honesty, faith, love and commitment to each other. Marriage is not only customs, social boundaries and restrictions for the woman. Wealth, external beauty and rich family is not only life but giving some time to our life partner for love and shares happy moments life is most important. Marriage is socially accepted. Extramarital relationship is the attraction of each other but actual marriage is a strong commitment for lifetime to each other. Extramarital relationship is unaccepted in Indian society. To avoid extramarital relationships, we should take care that the show the freedom to everyone to choose their life a partner. Nowadays, Indian women take actively participating in choosing their life partner. It is reality marriageable age of Indian woman is increased and they have their sense to choose right life partner for themselves and their parents also support to them. It is the most important thing for mutual understanding and honesty.

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