



BODHI

International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Science

An online, Peer reviewed, Refereed and Quarterly Journal

Vol : 1

No : 4

July 2017

ISSN : 2456-5571



**CENTRE FOR RESOURCE, RESEARCH &
PUBLICATION SERVICES (CRRPS)**

www.crrps.in | www.bodhijournals.com

LOVE AND SEPARATION IN RAVINDER'S SINGH SELECTED NOVELS (I TOO HAD A LOVE STORY, CAN LOVE HAPPEN TWICE?)

K. Soundharya and S. Sheela

Research Scholar, Prist University, Puducherry

Abstract

Ravinder Singh has been considered as one of the major contemporary novelist in English. His novels are based on the emotions and feelings of love which comes out from the depth of his heart. His novels dealt with the exploration of love unconditionally. This study focuses on study of Unconditional love of Ravinder Singh's selected novels. In his novels, he expressed the view of love in different perspectives. His love is limitless and it shows the gratitude of love towards his novels. Though his love is limitless, beyond the nature he only witnessed the failure and yearns for love and he explores his tribute to his past lady love. The selected novels of Ravinder Singh "I too had a love story", "Can love happen twice?" also focuses on the way the novelists as a representation of unconditional love to the society suffers by his lady love Simar, Khushi and the way he tries to prove his enormous love. It deals with the man, Ravin yearns for love through his life and his dissatisfaction express his feelings and disgust.

Ravinder Singh, a writer of digital age is the bestselling author of his love novels. His writing focuses on the significance of love and adoration in a modern setting, where commitment and fidelity are the terms that are losing its relevance and finding new definitions.

It focuses on Ravinder Singh's novels which deal with a person who strive for exploring his love for his lady love. It becomes common in the society that every man loves his woman to the core as vice versa. By the way they expresses and the way it track their love, their mutual concern makes the bonding strong but some fails that leads to end up their relationship. As new generation people call this as "ex", "ex-boyfriend or ex-girl friend". Most of the people can cope up with their normal life even after the failure in their relationship but few can't resist themselves that may lead to the frustration and stress. These kinds of characters were represented by Ravinder Singh in his novels.

Ravinder Singh, in his autobiographical novel, "I Too Had a Love Story" describes about his love life and the way he found himself intoxicatingly euphoric feeling in his love. "Not everyone in the world has the fate to cherish the fullest form of love. Some are born to experience of it." (1. Singh, IHLS)

The author dedicates his work, "I Too Had a Love Story" to his lady love whom he could not marry

and acknowledges that she is the one who has brought out an author in him.

Both Ravin and Khushi initially chat and talk with each other only through the electronic gadgets and fall in love with each other. As like other lovers even these two wished to tie a knot with the blessings of their parents. That has fulfilled but two days before the engagement, Khushi met a fatal accident and died. "She died, He survived" (192. Singh, IHLS)

But he died everyday without her he felt so alone. Loneliness feels like hell to him only he could do now is filled with nostalgia instead of enriching his life with his lady love. Life will appear worse than death when we miss our beloved and he missed her in every moment of his life. So far what brought a smile to him had now tortures him, felt the numbness. "A year passed it is 20 July 2017 a very special day. A day of celebration and mourning"

Yes, this is the day, when he first received her SMS, talked to her on phone. Even today she lives with him and within him. It's been years who have to celebrate their anniversary instead he is doing funeral ceremony to her.

The prominent thing in love is we should love our beloved even when he/she is not with us is called as unconditional love. Now Ravin is single but inwardly he is

still existing to her. After a year, Ravin tries to do things in falsehood but nothing comforts him the fact is he is alone without her. He couldn't able to replace Khushi if he did so that makes him to feel like a whore, only emptiness around himself.

There is a saying, "Don't cry because its over but instead smile" Ravin tries to follow it. His tribute to his lady love "*I Too Had a Love Story*" have touched many hearts. From initial excitement to elation, from contentment to anticipation, despair to devastation, finally a sense of resurrection all we can see it through Ravin's eyes as well as in his novel.

"We are bornonce
We die...once
We fall in love...once
And when that happens,
We promise this very life to someone else
And then if destiny plays a cruel joke that
One love is lost
Would your heart stop beating?
Would you stop believing in love?
Or would you give love another chance?
Allow happiness to knock your door...twice?

(1.Singh,CLHT)

"*Can Love Happen Twice?*" is a sequel of "*I Too Had a Love Story*". It is a common question among lovers who fail to have successful relationship at first. It is difficult to forget our first love but, life never stops the same thing happened to Ravin and also welcomes love for the second time in his life.

Simar have given a new life to Ravin. So far he had been in love in the past and this now seems to be dejavu to him. He doesn't know if this is the right thing to happen or not but looking back to his life, he had accepted the fact that could surely cherish his love. In one hand he is still holding the memories of Khushi which is close to his heart and on another hand willing to mould his future.

"They ate together
They exercised together
They laughed
They fought and cried together

They confronted their love together" (145. Singh, CLHT)

Their unconditional love makes them to do all the things together. Elevation of love is marriage. Both shared their love affair to their parents and make a plan to meet their respective parents. There comes a change in his love life. Simar's father wants him to lead his life in Belgium and want him to take care of his business by leaving Ravin's parents in India. This was ultimate shock to him. Days passed, Ravin and Simar had experienced a range of emotions, shouting at each other and not talking to one another. Their relationship had now taken a different course which was totally a heart-breaking thing.

It was Simar who brought Ravin back to his life and had not brought back happiness in life also she was the soul happiness in his life. If Simar is not happy how could Ravin be happy either? Already he lost his love once he don't want to lose it again which shows his unconditional love of Ravin to Simar. Ravin sacrificed everything for ladylove she expected him to sacrifice more. Ravin who give up "His family, his work, his new house, his home town" only for the sake of Simar. After the death of Khushi, he became an atheist but he went to Gurdwara because she wanted him to do so.

It is same book "*I Too Had a Love Story*" makes her to fall in love at once now it was bothering her because social networks and all his fans will talk about Khushi, Ravin and not Simar. This was the first time she had completely pierced his heart with her words.

It is another night 24th February. It is the same date, but the trauma of Ravin unleashes stretches far back. "Three years back Khushi had left me on this day, Three hours back Simar left me." (198, Singh, CLHT)

Both were broke up their relationship for the simple chores. For the sake of luxurious life she had lost the luxurious heart of Ravin which makes him another heart. Ravin was strong enough to bear it for the first time and now it happened again to him completely broke down physically as well as mentally.

For many of us love isn't a commercial commodity when you say "I love you" you meant it from

bottom of our heart. When you are promising your love to someone you are promising an entire life to that person. True love is unconditional love and if it is a "Conditions Apply" then it isn't true love. Things didn't work between two of them because they both loved the same person as "He loved her" and "She loved herself." Love is all about mutual understanding one should give up their ego to track their relationship but here ego plays a role so the relationship gets lost.

It is Khushi, who wished Ravin to cope up with his present life and to lead a happy life with his loved one, Simar. Simar, who gave a life to Ravin by her unconditional love. It's because of her love he became insane. Even the insanity makes him to do everything for her as he broke with her. But their unconditional love separates them initially but not permanently soon she came back to Ravin. The person who gave life to us is our mom likewise Simar gave another life to Ravin. Both

were truly admirable in their own ways Khushi taught him "How to love" and Simar taught him "How to be loved".

Unconditional love means "I love you no matter, what conditions occur, no matter life throws our way, I will not take it out of you and I will not forget you till the end". This is what Ravin's life no matter it is he just kept loving his ladylove without any interruptions. Loving unconditionally is honoring and cherishing each other and treating each other with kindness and accepting the pain equally. People and love should keep it remain eternal as that of Ravin.

References

1. Singh Ravinder. *I Too Had a Love Story*, New Delhi; Penguin Metro reads, 2016
2. Singh Ravinder. *Can Love Happen Twice*, New Delhi; Penguin Metro reads, 2016
3. <https://heart-stupid.blogspot.in>. Web