

A Heartbreaking True Love Tale

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“Love is not just a word, it operates the whole world. It is an ultimate thing in the whole world which is never destroyed by anyone. Love is immortal. We can see God through Love. The ultimate philosophy of life is “to love all and to be loved by all”. There is no way to define love. We cannot define the word love, because love has a numerous aspects. For example, love between husband and wife shows the prosperity between a man and a woman after getting married; love between brothers and sisters shows the brotherly and sisterly affectionate who are blood relation; love between friends shows true friendship; love between man and pets, love between man and nature show that he is a nature-loving man; the most precious love is mother’s love. But a very important aspect of Love in our life as well as in our story is love between a young matured man and a young matured lady shows the beat of youth hormones”.

Ravinder singh’s novel “I Too Had A Love story” Which narrates the real life experiences of the author begins with the ‘reunion’ of Ravin and his friends. Ravinder singh, the protagonist of this novel is called by his friends as ‘Ravin’. They are four in number, Ravin, Manpreet, Amardeep, and Happy who are very close to one another. They are good friends. They did their Engineering in the same institute. They spent the day by visiting some of the best hangouts in Kolkata. After that they again took a ride on ferry and they ate, drunk, talked, and enjoyed to the fullest at a pub called “some place else”. That was the last night of the reunion trip. After three weeks, when Ravin was working in his office and checking out the reunion photos in his Yahoo! Inbox which was flashing in the top- left corner. That was an advertisement for matrimonial site-Shaadi.com- with a beautiful girl, smiling and looking for her perfect match. But most of the girls were ignored him. He felt uncomfortable and said that “this website is good for nothing”. Ravin imagined that if he was James Bond then all the girls in the world would throw themselves at him, the moment he approached them. Then, one evening, he received a message on his cellphone. Their conversation began formally but so soon it became quite relaxed and informal.

I Too Had A Love Story has been written by Ravinder singh, a software engineer, who was brought up in a small town of Burla in Orissa. The novel has a deep impact on the reader and involves a serious different emotions. While reading the novel, one may relate to the joy of friendship, sorrows and difficulties that one faces in the path of life through the story. The novel is based on his own love life and the hard circumstances he

has faced. Ravinder singh's "I Too Had A Love Story" is really a heart melting love story. Ravinder's lady love khushi's death may be a physical one but she is living in this story and she will always live in the hearts of the readers. He share his personal life in his novel. He is a man who has enough guts to write his personal experience. The novel might be as, 'a confessional novel'.

The author has described the instance of his personal life in the story. Being a love story, the genre seems very interesting and appealing to many youngster who have experienced the essence of love and relationships in their lives and those who have sacrificed something for other's happiness. He has made a great effort to describe the essence of love in the path of life and what pain he went through, when he 'lost' the love of his life. The research exemplifies the fact that life isn't always pleasant and if you love someone, loves him/her truly; as love stories are meant to stay for generations to come and for them to read. This research would recommend that life will surely fill you up with positive attitude towards life and it may also give you courage to flight back the tough and unpleasant circumstance in life.

The author of this novel, Ravinder Singh, does not take any idiotic decision of foregoing marital bliss instead he got married and enjoying that celestial bliss with his wife, Khusboo Chauhan. He knows the 'value of life', that is why he has taken that positive decision. People should accept both happiness and sorrows as it is. Life is a mingling of happiness and sorrows which one has to face it boldly. But whatever it is, one should get ready to face the challenges. Success and failures are the part of life. Nothing is permanent; man being a mortal being his life is not a permanent thing. Everyone has to die one day. Life is a mixture of past and present. That is why he has given his title in the past tense as, 'I Too Had a Love Story'.

There is no need to attempt suicide to show that one's love is the greater than anything in the world. Perhaps Ravin's attitude should be praised by all, because he did not commit suicide to show his depth of love, instead of that, he gave rebirth to his ladylove in his novel. Though physically she is no more he has made her live forever in the form of art which is immortal. This is what a true lover should do for his lady love. The author has described the instances of his personal life in the story. Being a love story, the genre seems very interesting and appealing to many youngsters who have experienced the essence of love and relationships in their lives and those who have sacrificed something for other's happiness. He has made a great effort to describe the essence of love in the path of life and what pain he went through, when he 'lost' the love of his life.

The story revolves around Ravin (the author and the lead protagonist of the story) and Khushi (the girl whom he loved but could not get married to). The story includes instances of Ravin's and Khushi's life that describes the sweet and heart

touching memories that they had spent together. The author describes the fact that unlike all fictional love stories, the real ones do not always have a happy ending. Some stay incomplete and some push us towards the darkest ends of our lives. He has justly elaborated the fact that true friendship and love are the most important and one must cherish them during the path of his life.

In the beginning, the story describes the sweet and sour experiences of Ravin with his friends, his reunion with the three of his college friends—Happy, Amardeep or Ram ji and Manpreet alias M.P, after three years of completing college. They share their experiences and revive the old memories of their college life and then come in the topic of marriage. After a few days, while recalling the reunion conversation, Ravin decides to register on 'Shaadi.com' (a matrimonial website) where he meets Khushi and there starts their love story. Despite having not met even once, they fall in love and commit to marry each other.

Months pass, after which finally the moment comes, when they meet. At the first sight itself, Ravin has fallen a victim to Khushi and is amused by her beauty. After which he meets her family, she belonged to a Sikh family and had three sisters out of whom two were already married and the younger one, Neeru was still studying. She also had a younger brother. Ravin thought her mother resembled his own mother with that familiar smile and a simple living attitude. Times pass, and family meetings continue and finally the day arrives when their engagement is fixed but it follows a tragic incident which turns their lives topsy-turvy.

The book had a deep impact on me as I had never known what facets life can have—it can be very pleasant for some and can be so ruthless to others. I won't say that I would sympathise with the author but would salute him for the courage he had shown to discuss something so personal and for having the strength to fight back the obstacles he came across in his life. The book exemplifies the fact that life isn't always pleasant and if you love someone, loves him/her truly as love stories are meant to stay for generations to come and for them to read. I would recommend that everyone read the book as it will surely fill you up with positive attitude towards life and it may also give you courage to fight back the tough and unpleasant circumstances in life.

Finally I conclude by quoting the last line from Shelley's 'Ode To The West Wind', which shows the positive attitude of life, that is, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?", this line shows that 'sorrow is temporary' and 'if we suffer a lot, happiness comes behind the sufferings'. In brief, 'Gladness begins at the end of sadness'. Every cloud has its silver line. There is a happy ending by a small girl who has a name called 'Khushi', as Ravin's ladylove has! It symbolically says the rebirth of his ladylove.