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Breaking Patriarchies: Feminist Narratives in Nayantara Sahgal's Fiction



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ABSTRACT

Nayantara Sahgal has rendered an outstanding and remarkable contribution in enriching the Indian English literature by her thought provoking ideas and she shares an honourable status alongwith other prominent women Indian writers like Anita Desai, Shashi Deshpande, Mahasweta Devi and Arundhati Roy . She was a celebrated figure in the feminist movement, substantiating women empowerment and their rights in a male-

dominated society. In the novels of Nayantara Sahgal, there is a sensitive depiction of the way women suffer due to the sexist bias in the patriarchal society which gives a secondary position to women and always treats them as second-rate citizens. Sahgal dreams a world which should be based on equality, sharing and harmony between the two sexes.

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