
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IN RAVINDER SINGH'S I TOO HAD A LOVE STORY

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Abstract

Ravinder Singh is one of the best selling and notable writers in Indian English literature. His first autobiographical work is "I too had a love story". In which he narrated his first love experience. It is full of his emotions and his eternal love with Khushi who is known through matrimonial website. Unconditional love is caring about the happiness of another person without any contemplation for what we might get for ourselves. It is unconditional love when other people mind about our happiness unconditionally. True love is how loving and caring each other unconditionally. Ravin and Khushi are the male and female protagonists of the novel. The novel begins with a reunion in Kolkata of Ravin and his three male friends Manpreet, Amardeep, Happy, who used to study in the same engineering college. During the get-together they discussed their future plans of getting married and all of them accept that they did not think about it. Happy suggests Ravin to visit matrimonial website at Shaadi.com in online. He loved Khushi over the phone through Shadi.com. He developed his sincere love with her. It is not unconditional love when other people like us for doing what they want or because we give them what they demand of us. Even the foolish mistake can be forgiven by the loved one in unconditional love. Its unconditional love that keeps them right there, not judging or demanding but loving without conditions. It is that love alone that has the power to heal all wounds, combine people together, and creates relationships quite beyond our present capability to imagine.

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AutoBiographical Story of Ravinder Singh – I Too Had a Love Story

Fiction writing gives an author unlimited freedom. From daydream to contemporary and all genres in between, an author chooses the story's setting, atmosphere, traditions, dialect, and technology, among other key elements. As authors know, putting this into practice is a different story. Each element is critical for keeping reader's consideration and attraction as they experience an author's world. Research and realism can bridge these elements in a way that makes sense to an author's story. After the reunion, Ravin comes back to Bhubaneswar, where he works as an engineer for Infosys, and registers and has an account at Shaadi.com. After a few days of registering on the site, Ravin finds a girl named Khushi, a resident of Delhi, and an employee of CSC, Noida. Ravin and Khushi start chatting to each other over phone and soon become good friends. They become curious about each other's interest and

find there are many similarities between them. After a few months' of discussion over phone, they realize that they have started falling in love with each other, although they never met face-to-face. Very soon, Ravin is asked to travel to the United States for an office assignment. He is wanted to go to Delhi, where Khushi lives, to board the international flight. Ravin decides to go to Delhi one day earlier to meet Khushi for the first time, and spend time with her. He narrated Thus

'Are you nervous?'

'How do you know?'

'Because... even I am 'she confessed. Then she said,' Ok!

Tell me, what are you wearing today?'

'Olive-green shirt and dark-blue jeans. You?'

'Oh my God!'

'What happened? I thought she didn't like the color I was wearing.'

'Its look good on me '

No, no .It's not about good or bad.

Then?

I am also wearing olive-green and blue jeans. (52)

Love made them to feel that they were made for each other. In Delhi, Ravin meets Khushi and her family with her mother and sisters and then starts his journey to the United States. Even during his stay in the US, Ravin frequently stays in touch with Khushi. And they were become a soul mates and though that they cannot live without each other. After his return to India, Ravin meets Khushi once again. After sometime, Khushi's families visits Bhubaneswar and meet Ravin's parents. There they decide Ravin and Khushi's engagement. Both the family starts preparing for the event. They started to live in dreams and intended to spend their life joyfully and the love engulfed them thoroughly. Whenever he thinks about her or dreams about her, he started to forger himself.

I don't remember when I closed my eyes and I was lost in her. That moment was a heaven that I knew for the first time in my life. In that moment, I forgot everything, forgot everything that I had planned a few minutes back. Forgot even the fact that I planned something forgot that the next day I was to leave this country. Forgot the job, the CAT exam, forgot my friends and my family. Forgetting, I lived that one moment....the best of our life. (90)

Just before the engagement Khushi meets with a road accident and is hospitalized in a critical condition. Despite all medical attempts and prayers of Ravin, Khushi dies after a few days. The novel ends with Ravin's narration of his current mental condition. To Ravin, his life became meaningless after Khushi's death and he lost interest in almost everything. He feels "She died. I survived. Because I survived, I die every day."(192)

According to the book *Real Love*, unconditional love is, in real meaning, true love - so different from the kind of love most of us have known all our lives that it deserves a

definition of its own. Unconditional love is caring about the happiness of another person without any thought for what we might get for ourselves. It is unconditional love when other people care about our happiness unconditionally. To love another person under any circumstances is not relegated to passionate love either... Friends and family can be completely unconditional with their love for you; however it is pretty rare; we are programmed to be conditional, to expect something in return for our love. We are quite specifically conditioned to only give love when we are reciprocated, and most often according to what we think is worthy of our love.

The power of love is held within each of us every moment. This wondrous energy is available merely by our use and conscious recognition. When we choose to love one another we transcend the lower personality perceptions and rise to a higher truth. We recognize our oneness, wholeness and interconnectedness.

Conclusion

Ravin and Khushi's love is an eternal love and made readers to feel cry. This is not a conditional love or the type of love one may try to use to earn favors or expect support, rather this is a universal and unconditional love that recognizes the beauty in life every moment. It is of a higher nature. It is a natural expression that does not expect an outcome. It is giving just for the sake of giving rather than expecting. It is in the sharing and giving of love to others that we obtain the same that we give. Give love and surely you will experience love itself. Express love to the world around you and the world will reflect back to you the power of love. We seek it in our families, relationships, careers, religions, hobbies, and even at times we look to nature itself. All the while, it is right within us ready to be given out and experienced. Love is such a great force especially when shared.

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