**Abbreviations Used**

All references to the works of Anita Desai, Bharati Mukherjee, Jhumpa Lahiri and other writers/critics are made parenthetically within the text.

The following abbreviations have been used for the primary sources:

**Anita Desai’s Works**

- **BBB**............................ *Bye-Bye Blackbird*
- **BB**............................. *Baumgartner’s Bombay*
- **JI**............................... *Journey to Ithaca*
- **FF**............................. *Fasting, Feasting*
- **ZW**............................... *The Zigzag Way*

**Bharati Mukherjee’s Works**

- **TD**............................. *The Tiger’s Daughter*
- **HW**............................. *The Holder of the World*
- **DD**............................. *Desirable Daughters*

**Jhumpa Lahiri’s Works**

- **NS**............................. *The Namesake*