PREFACE

"SHOBHA DE" is one of the most over-hyped authors of India who contributes features and short stories to several publications in India and abroad. No writer {except Salman Rushdie} attracted so much of attention and recognition as did Shobha De. David Davidar, her friend, publisher and editor says about her,

"Discovering India through Indian eyes."

By Nikhilinamdar —

"This woman writes exaggerated crap, her style of writing is so spontaneous and unconventional that her books end up becoming your best friends."
“The writing of Shobha De has a peculiar quality that influences you to take her sides.”

The aim of the present study is to show MAN – WOMAN RELATIONSHIP IN THE NOVELS OF ‘SHOBHA DE’. Two novels have been selected for this purpose.

The dissertation has been divided into four chapters. The first chapter is introductory dealing with biographical description of SHOBHA DE.

The second chapter reflects MAN – WOMAN RELATIONSHIP IN THE NOVEL “SNAPSHOTS”. The third chapter deals with MAN – WOMAN RELATIONSHIP IN THE NOVEL “SECOND THOUGHTS”. The fourth chapter deals with the findings of the previous chapters.
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