

Love and Friendship: A Select Study of Chetan Bhagat's Revolution 2020 and Half Girlfriend

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Abstract: Love and friendship: these feelings are the brightest moments of our life. They become the source of joy and positive energy but can become the reason of big problems and disillusionment at the same time. First of all love and friendship is relationship, which requires time, effort and many other characteristics, which form mutual relationship. Both, love and friendship assume emotional involvement, care, respect and devotion. Both feelings undergo transformations with the flow of time and go through different stages. You can have several friends but situations of being in loving relationships with several people are very rare and are regarded rather like deviation, than something normal. This paper gives you a overview of an Indian writer, Chetan Bhagat, who changed many average Indians to read his book with his simple vocabulary English. His novels mostly deals with love, friendship, and family. Mostly the concept of love and friendship is you can totally understand in one aspect as in other aspect you can't even able to get what's going on.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Friendship is hard to define. Friendship is the most valuable relationship in the life of a person instead of having many important things in life. No one of us has complete and satisfied life if we lack faithful friendship. Everyone needs a good and loyal friend to share bad or good life events, enjoy happy moments and share unbearable events of the life. Friendship is a devoted relation between two people in which both of them have true feeling of love, care and affection to each other. Friendship is not different from love, but the best kind of love. If friendship is hard to define, love is even more so. Love is difficult define, difficult to measure, and difficult to understand. In everyone's life love plays an important role but it cannot be expressed in words. Love is a deep and intense feeling. One may have many friends but a person have only one person to love. In *Revolution 2020*, Chetan Bhagat deals with three friends and how the three were true for their friendship. In *Half Girlfriend*, Chetan Bhagat says about a love.

II. REVOLUTION 2020

The story revolves around the narrator Gopal as he shares his experiences with the author. This is the story of three friends, Gopal, Raghav and Aarti. In this story Gopal and Aarti were very close. Gopal starts to fall in love with Aarti but Aarti sees him only as a friend because Aarti and Raghav were in relationship. In this novel Chetan Bhagat deals with the role of love and friendship in one's life. This story begins with, Gopal and Raghav decided to steal a small piece of chocolate cake which Aarti had brought in her tiffin box for her lunch when other students were in morning assembly. After the assembly the students were coming to the classroom. Gopal and Raghav were lying on the bench and acted like sick. Suddenly Aarti, one of the class students, shouted because her skirt was full of chocolate stain. After this incident Aarti,

Gopal, and Raghav became friends. Though the three were friends, Aarti and Gopal were very close.

Here Chetan Bhagat shows the possessiveness of the friendship and how they were sharing their feelings and important events in their life. Likewise in real life most of us share our feeling only with friends. After this the author deals with how the distance separate their friendship.

Aarti and Gopal used to go boating on ganga. After seven years the three friends were joined in JSR coaching class for engineering entrance exams though they had different ambition. Gopal wants to be a rich man, Raghav wants to be a journalist and Aarti wants to become an air hostess. Gopal and Raghav attend the AIEEE exam. Raghav scored good marks but Gopal scored low marks. So Raghav joined engineering and Gopal was going to join coaching class in Kota as his father's wish. As usual Gopal and Aarti went for boating, there Gopal express his love on Aarti. She said what are you doing?, don't spoil our friendship. She insists that they were only friends. After some conversations they returned to home. Gopal was ready to go Kota as his father's wish. Aarti helped Gopal for packing. When Gopal went for Kota, Aarti and Raghav became close and they started their relationship. When Gopal finds out about this he becomes very upset. After his JEE exam he comes back to Varanasi and sees that his friends were totally changed through this conversation.

'I dialled her number with dai-smearred finger'. 'Hello?' she said. 'Boat ride this evening, madam?' I said. 'Gopal! You are back? When did you come?' 'An hour ago. When do we meet?' I said. 'This evening at the ghats?' 'Yes, sure, oh wait. No, I have to go to Raghav's college. You are welcome to come along'. 'No, thanks.' 'Why not? He is your friend too.'

Again Gopal couldn't clear the exam. He comes to know about his father's death. Gopal performs the last ceremony. After that Gopal becomes the owner of the college with the help of an MLA. Aarti's parents didn't allow her to go out of Varanasi. So she joined in Hotel. Raghav become very busy in life as a journalist. Gopal uses this chance and becomes very close with Aarti again. Gopal booked a room where Aarti works and they both spend their time in the same room. Aarti feels guilty because she was still in relationship with Raghav. On the other side the MLA, who helped Gopal, was resigned his posting as MLA, because of Raghav. Raghav also lost his job after this incident. After some days Gopal calls Raghav's newspaper office and tell them to hire him again. Gopal plans to show him as a cheater in front of Aarti. On seeing Gopal with some other girls, Aarti leaves him. Gopal tells Raghav to come close to Aarti and marry her.

Though Gopal did some wrong for his friends, his conscience changed him as good person. What Gopal did for his friends in the middle of the story was not right but in the end of the story he was true for his friends and friendship. Whatever relationship, truth and faith is important.

III. HALF GIRLFRIEND

This is a sweet and simple love story written by Chetan Bhagat. This is the story of a boy named Madhav Jha falls in love with a girl named Rita Somani. Madhav was a rural Bihari boy and he was weak in English. Riya easy smart, rich businessman's daughter and lives in Delhi. Masha gets his college admission through his sports quota as he was a good basketball player. While playing basketball they both interacted and soon become best friends. Madhav gets feeling for Rita, which he expressed her. Rita was a reserved nature, so she said no to him and said him to be just friends. For his continuous request Riya agreed on term half girlfriend which excludes physical that means no sex. But Madhav wanted to be physical. Offended by his obscene ultimatum (Deti hai toh de, vrana kat le), Riya leaves him and tells him not to talk her anymore.

'I bent forward to kiss her. She moved her face again.' 'Only once' 'No.' 'Please.' 'I said no,'she said, her voice firm. 'I'm at my limit, Riya.'I grabbed her shoulders. 'Madhav, I haven't seen this side of you. You are using physical force on me.'

Few months later Riya comes with wedding card. After her marriage she goes to London. Madhav gets angry over this. He decided to go back to his village to help his mother for developing their school. Madhav comes to know that his school was lacking of fund. He asks help from an MLA. He told him that Bill Gates is coming to his village for funding some schools. If you need fund you have to impress him. Madhav decides to prepare some songs, dances, and speech in English. As Madhav was weak in English he decides to join in English speaking class in Patna. There he saw Riya who is now a divorcee. Riya becomes helping hand for him to prepare the speech. The two are succeed in their fund raising, but after the speech, Riya leaves a letter for Madhav and disappeared from his life. After three years of searching, Madhav finds Riya in New York. After that they were married.

Overall Madhav's life after reunion and again breakup is all over like a roller coaster ride of joy, sad, happiness, everything. Love is a important part in everyone's life. Everyone have their own opinion about their life partner but we have to choose the right person.

CONCLUSION

Both love and friendship plays a major role in everyone's life. Both of it help us in every situation. In every worst situation we need a good support to overcome it. For that love and friendship is like a pillar. Whatever happens in life both love and friendship help us to overcome it. Without love and friendship our life is like a empty box. Both have a equal role in life.

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