



## The notion of family loyalty in literary works

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**Abstract:** *this article provides information about the concept of family and its importance in life. It illustrates the family relationship and various types of family loyalty described in literary works.*

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Family and family relationship are of much significance for people's life. From their first moments of life, children rely on parents and family to be protected and provided for their needs. Parents are children's first teachers and act as role models in how to act and how to experience the world around them. Family life is defined as the routine interactions and activities that family members have together. When members of a family enjoy one another's company and spend a lot of time doing things together, they are considered to have a good family life. People, around the world, face with different kinds of family loyalties in their life which pull them in various, even opposite, directions. There are a lot of masterpieces which refer the notion of loyalty between husband and wife, parents and children, as well as among siblings and relatives. In this work, those literary works are going to be analyzed.

Firstly, it is very vital to mention that there are various different types of family all over the world some of which follow next:

- **Nuclear family** - a family unit consisting of two adults and any number of children living together. The children might be biological, step or adopted.
- **Extended family** - grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, either all living nearby or within the same household. For example, if a married couple lives with either the husband or wife's parents the family changes from a nuclear to extended household.
- **Reconstituted family** - also known as a step family. A family where one or both adults have children from previous relationships living with them.
- **Single parent family** - consists of a parent not living with a partner, who has most of the day-to-day responsibilities for raising the children. The children will live with this single parent for the majority of the time, but they may still have contact with their other parent.

In one of the best literary works – Commonwealth, Ann Patchett illustrates the families with lots of flaws who fail one another over the decades but keep trying and trusting in spite of the failures. Where the readers would expect villains, she instead presents complicated characters struggling with their own hopes, inadequacies, and feelings about the past and how to move forward. The readers would expect broken, bitter relationships, but they faces with the stable power of loyalty, love, and forgiveness. This is not an action-packed novel, but one who read it could be emotionally influenced. The narrator is transparent, but omniscient, recording the tremors running beneath the happy exterior of these people's lives. This is a scene with hardly any apparent drama, yet it is pregnant with implications that will roil two families for the next half century.



As for “We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves” by Karen Joy Fowler, Rosemary is 22 and hasn’t seen her brother or sister in years. Her sister was removed from the home before Rosemary was 6, and now she’s determined to learn more about the reasons. The thing what seems to be gimmick is actually a smartly rendered novel about family, loyalty, memory, and science.

In “The Last Romantics” by Tara Conklin the author describes the moments that define four siblings – Renee, Caroline, Joe, and Fiona in childhood. Following their father’s early death, their mother’s years-long retreat defined their relationships, cementing a lifelong closeness, sense of responsibility, and knowing of one another.

However, unknown sufferings and struggles send each on their own paths into adulthood, even though they feel their connections. It is crucial to mention that *The Last Romantics* is a beautifully rendered portrait of complicated familial relationships, examining the nature of love, commitment, and the strength of those bonds no matter the presented challenges.

Another masterpiece called “The Almost Sisters” by Joshilyn Jackson, Leia Birch Briggs who is a successful comic book artist working on the origin story of her most famous characters. The notions of family, race, loyalty, and commitment are expressed in this very work.

Two sisters’ troubles are illustrated in “All My Puny Sorrows” by Miriam Toews. Elf and Yoli, who went against the grain, grew up in a Mennonite community in Winnipeg. As an adult, Elf is an admired and splendid pianist; however, Yoli is less successful– overcoming her second divorce and struggling to raise two teenagers. The key issue is that Elf’s struggles dominate and crippled by depression she is determined to end her life. Yoli supports her sister with love and compassion which make the book witty and heartbreaking.

The author Lisa Jewell created her novel – “In “which is a family tale from one of my new favorite thriller authors. This book is about a perfect English family that is torn apart by tragedy one Easter weekend. After some years, the children return and they are forced to face their mother’s mental illness.

It is noteworthy to mention that in “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett the story of two Black twin sisters was revealed. They have been raised in a small town where light skin is valued. The sisters run to New Orleans where they take very distinct life paths, reunited decades later.

This is considered to be one of the best books of 2020, with identity and family issues.

When their Punjabi mother dies in “The Unlikely Adventures Of The Shergill Sisters” by Balli Kaur Jaswal British-born sisters Rajni, Jezmeen, and Shirina agree to carry out her last wish: a pilgrimage to India. According to the wish they ought to visit places that were meaningful to her mother and to deliver her ashes to their final resting place.

The three sisters come across their grief, their strained relationships, and the stresses of their regular lives, while attempting to carry out their mother’s wishes and come together in a way they never have.

All in all, it is noteworthy to notify that all of the counted novels above carry distinctive family features, such as commitment, family problems, heartbreaking circumstances, compassion, love and loyalty. The readers of these works could get insight of the existence in the world and the highly pure breath amongst close- knit family members. Their loyalty is considered to be something that cannot be destroyed or ruined. They care for one another more than anyone else in the universe.

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