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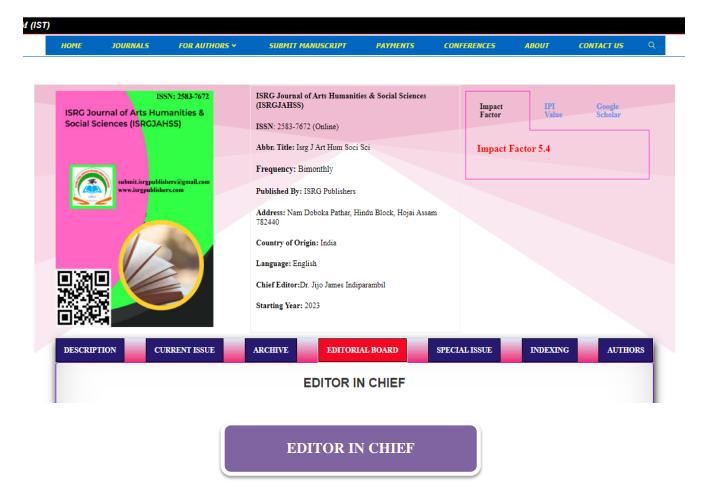
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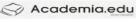
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Silber Joan's *About My Aunt* and Jess Walter's *Mr Voice*: A Representation of the Specimen of Contemporary Women.

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Through their short stories About My Aunt (2015) and Mr. Voice (2015), Silber Joan and Jess Walter redefine the representation of female characters in literature. Both authors depart from traditional portrayals of women as passive, secondary characters or even as New women fighting for better conditions. The varying characteristics of women in their different literary aspects which emphasize the possibilities and surprises from the best fiction are what Jess Walter and Silber Joan provide in their short stories. Female characters in the two stories reflect the complexity, autonomy, and evolving identity of women highlighting the features of contemporary women.

Such a representation resides in both authors' rejection of the conventional image of women as defined by patriarchal institutions and social norms. The characters of Kiki, Reyna, Tanya, and Mother embody a new femininity marked by independence, agency, and self-definition. Also, the use of the female perspective as a central lens is significant. Joan and Walter employ female narrators to center women's experiences and voices. Women are given their stories. This narrative choice underscores the multidimensionality of women's lives, offering a contrast to historically male-centered storytelling.

Other aspects of Silber Joan and Jess Walter's portrayal of a contemporary prototype of women consist of female characters' autonomy, their redefinition of relationships, the reinterpretation of the dynamics of mother-daughter Relationships and female self-reliance and agency. Kiki in About My Aunt and Mother in Mr. Voice live by their own rules marked particularly by their choices in terms of relationship. The unexpected marriage and divorce of Kiki are personal rather than familial or societal. Her actions demonstrate self-determination, with Osman appearing more as a companion than a dominant figure. In Mr. Voice, Mother's casual approach to men showcases a freedom that challenges social expectations and norms. The mother-daughter relationship in Mr. Voice defies the idealized image of maternal legacy. Tanya and Mother represent divergent lifestyles, emphasizing individuality over inherited roles.

Both short stories highlight women's capacity to shape their own lives. The protagonists are not victims or passive recipients of fate, but active agents pursuing fulfillment on their terms. Silber and Walter present a literary shift that aligns with contemporary feminist thought. Their female characters are not symbols or tropes, but individuals navigating life with complexity and freedom. These stories contribute to an emerging canon where women's voices are not only heard but also prioritized.