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Abstract

Nabokov's *Lolita* is a portrait of pedophilia which fits the sexually obsessed and psychologically depressed perverts for its main character. Humbert Humbert, Clare Quilty and Gaston Godin are all the pedophilic characters in Naboko's *Lolita*. *Lolita* highlights the social pedophiles and the bad outcome it brings. The pedophilic males exploit the girl child as well as young boys to fulfill their unrequited sexual desires. The pedophiles like Humbert are obsessed with the nymphets -- a young girl who is sexually attracted -- and to fulfill their desires marring the social, moral, cultural and religious values.

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