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## **Abstract**

The present research on Virani's *bitter chocolate* attempts to explore the psychological trauma of child sexual abuse. This project particularly seeks to explore the interconnection between the act of child sexual abuse and its psychological traumatic consequences. For this purpose, it analyzes the child sexual abuse in India compiled in virani's book. Virani's *bitter chocolate* presents the condition of child sexual abuse rampant in Indian societies. Sex is a taboo topic in India but her direct approach to the subject gives a lot of insight into the issue and become a landmark in writing bold non- fiction in India. In the stories each and every characters is abused sexually in their childhood and the book shows how it ruins the lives of the abused children.

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