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Abstract

This thesis explores how the prevailing notion of ability and beauty is deconstructed/dispelled in the writings of a physically disabled woman writer, Jhamak Ghimire particularly based on her autobiographical book, *A Flower in the Midst of Thorn*. The renowned Nepali writer, Ghimire challenges the stigmas of the disabled body by deconstructing the ideology of ability and beauty through her autobiographical narratives. Based on the disability theory, feminist disability theory and the theory of post modernism, this research concludes that any creative work is accomplished through intellect, while the body is just a medium. It aims to prove the fact that disability is a beauty of life, not a disfigurement. Jhamak's life is not a burden but medium of creativity of different nature.

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