

My favourite book

The book I take a fancy to is called 'The sorrows of young Werther' written by Johann Wolfgang Goethe during the 'Sturm und Drang' period. This is an epic novel which precisely depicts the inner side, psyche, and thoughts of the main character.

Werther is a young man who's always being led by the strong feelings of his (mainly of love), which in turn consequently drive him to desperation, bitter sorrow and hateful feelings for this world. He's imprisoned by those feelings, because he cannot bring himself to view the world in a different way other than looking by the prism of emotions. Love- to be in love and to be loved back means everything to him. He cannot find happiness in any other thing in his life. He's a type of a loner, dreamer. The fact that he's not understood by the people surrounding him makes him suffer so-called 'weltschmerz'- pain of existence. He also has a few attributes of a sentimentalist- tenderness and sensitiveness, or even the way he loves nature. Every of his character traits make the readers view Werther as a great individuality.

The main plot focuses on Werther's love for a woman called Charlotte and his suffering due to that. She becomes a special existence in his life from the first sight, and turns out to be the only person to understand Werther's thoughts. The cause of his sorrows all along is the fact that Lotte is already engaged to a man called Albert. The accumulated feelings unfortunately get out of control. Werther is unable to break through the pain of unrequited love. Finally those feelings drive him to suicide, what makes him become a tragic character.

What I love in this book is the fact that I find my way of perceiving this world quite similar to Werther's. Reading his mental states, I've noticed that significantly I identify myself with his personality. Although I cannot agree with the final turn of events, for me it still is considered as a masterpiece of that period.

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