

Abstract

This thesis, titled "The Concepts of Motherhood and Fatherhood in Selected Novels of Petra Soukupová", will be through the tools of feminist literary theory analyze three contemporary novels of the Czech authoress— *Pod sněhem* (2015), *K moři* (2007) and *Zmizet* (2011). The basic analytical category will be gender, but equally important will be the concepts of motherhood and fatherhood, which interweave all three novels. An integral part of the thesis will be the method of resistant reading, which is based on the theory by Judith Fetterley. Resistant reading is an alternative to uninstructed or unreflected reading, in which a reader uncritically accept the author's concept of the text. The core of the resistant reading is, therefore, a critical examination of literary works and the formation of new critical meanings to androcentrism. Important building stones of the thesis will be the work of literary theorist Pam Morris and work of the literary theorist Jonathan Cullera.

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