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## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF O. HENRY AND PANNALAL PATEL'S SELECTED LOVE STORIES

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### Abstract:

'Love' has always been a topic of interest for people around the world. Poets, novelists, painters, dancers have multiple works dedicated to 'love' and it seems they can't get enough of it. Friendship, anger, cares, jealousies are emotions attached to love and have been dealt with by authors of the world. The ancient and the modern, the teens and the adults, males and female are in awe of 'love'. This makes it a very interesting subject for study. William Sydney Porter, better known as O. Henry has written almost 300 short stories on various themes. He never failed to surprise the readers with a twist at the end of his stories. Pannalal Patel is a celebrated Gujarati author who, like Henry, has almost 20 short story collection under his name. He too has dealt with various themes including love, crime, sacrifice and more. The current paper focuses on comparing the love stories by these authors. The selected stories are *The Gift of Magi* and *Witches' Loaves* by O. Henry and *Sukh Dukh na Sathi* and *Nirupay* by Pannalal Patel. As both, the writers belonged to two entirely different places and were active during a different time, the comparison of their stories will help to learn the idea of 'love' as the authors see it and the treatment of 'love' in their stories.

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