

## A STUDY OF LESBIAN DESIRE AND IDENTITY IN MITA BALANI'S *BREAKING NORMS*

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*Desire and identity are basic and indispensable aspects of an individual's existence. Both entities contribute significance to our existence. The presence of these entities simplifies and improves our lives. Mita Balani's Breaking Norms showcases the journey of desire and acceptance of the identity of two young Indian girls Sonia and Esha, living in Mumbai. This paper tries to analyze their captivating lesbian desire, and the hurdles of accepting their identity, especially after coming out in a very subtle way. The lesbian community struggle to find understanding and support in this heteronormative society.*

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