

## BOOK REVIEW

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**Title of the book:** Nirmala ; **Author:** Premchand ; **Publication:** Vani Educational Books Ltd. ; **Year:** 1998

Premchand is one of the most celebrated writers ,famous for his modern Hindustani literature . Premchand's works are representative of the socio-economic conditions that prevailed during the nationalist movement.

This is the story of a fifteen year old girl Nirmala having her own dreams . Destiny takes its own turn when Nirmala is married off to an old age person who is lawyer by profession and has three grown sons from earlier marriage. Life is made difficult by Nirmala's sister in law Rukmani ; who spreads rumours about Nirmala and her elder stepson who is of the same age as Nirmala. The story spirals down with the stepson being sent to hostel, his health deteriorating and finally death. This leads to Nirmala's husband leaving her, who now has a daughter to care for and events leading to her untimely death.

The language of the book is simple and it is a very interesting to read. The problems faced by a young woman in our Indian society is potrayed in such a way that it touches the heart of every reader.

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