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*Untold stories, unheard voices:
Dalit literature as social discourse*

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Abstract:

Dalit literature rooted in the experiences of the marginalized Dalit communities in India, serves as a powerful medium for articulating their struggles, aspirations, and resilience. This paper provides a comprehensive exploration of Dalit literature, tracing its historical development, examining key thematic elements, and analyzing its socio-political significance. Through case studies of influential works and a cross-genre analysis, the paper aims to shed light on the diverse expressions within Dalit literature, its role in challenging social hierarchies, and its contribution to shaping a more inclusive and just society. It undertakes a comprehensive exploration of Dalit literature, delving into its historical roots, identifying recurring thematic elements, and analyzing the impact of this genre on both literature and social activism. Through the lens of influential works and cross-genre comparisons, the paper aims to unveil the multifaceted nature of Dalit literature and its role in advocating for social justice.

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