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## The Theme of Identity in Jhumpa Lahiri's Interpreter of Maladies

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**Abstract:** Jhumpa Lahiri's Interpreter of Maladies is a compelling collection of short stories that explores the theme of identity in various ways. Lahiri does an exceptional job of weaving characters' cultural and geographical backgrounds into her stories, showcasing how these factors influence their sense of self. Her writing is renowned for its nuanced portrayal of the complexities that surround cultural identity, and the collection remains a masterpiece in the literary world. This essay aims to delve deeper into the theme of identity in Lahiri's work, examining how her use of language, setting, and character development contribute to its exploration.

Keywords: Cultural Traditions, Personal Circumstances, Geography, Relationships, Individual Experiences

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