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Autumn by Ali Smith

Adult Fiction

Autumn is a stimulating novel that can be perceived in a unique way to each individual reader. Told through the eyes of the protagonist, Elizabeth takes you on an adventure of time shifting between settings to discover freedom and life beyond her limits. Smith seeks to explore “what time is, how we experience it” and demonstrates this in the first of a four-part interconnected Seasonal journey that plays across history and time. The deuteragonist Daniel is used to convey this shift in Elizabeth’s outlook on a liberated life, once again using differences in perception to portray this.

A post-modern read, Smith endeavours to evoke the possible connections in a despondently fractured world post Brexit. A fragmented style of narrative is used which although prevents the immersion of a regular novel, it does however, make you question and contemplate the ideas hinted at and exposes you to a refreshing style that will alter your outlook on reading forevermore.

