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The twilight series has set a trend of its own, and has influenced the young generation in several ways. It is a young-adult vampire-romance novel. Isabella is one of the major characters in the novel on whom the story revolves around. It charts a period in her life, a teenage age girl who moves to Forks, and falls in love with a vampire “Edward”. On the other hand, Jacob is one of the significant characters who is a warewolf, and falls in love with Bella at the same time.

Stephenie Meyer is an author and producer, undoubtedly best known for her ‘Twilight Series’. She was ranked #49 on Time Magazine in the list of “100 Most Influential People in 2008”. She says that idea for twilight came to her in a dream. It was about a young girl and a vampire who fall in love with each other. She saw how the vampire loves her, and thirsted for her blood on the same time. Her initial dream made her write a draft, which then became chapter 13 of the book. Meyer completed the novel in 3 month, but never intended to publish it as she was writing it for her own enjoyment. It was her sister who motivated her to get the book publishes as she found the matter very interesting. Soon after the novel was published, it was named the Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year. Following the success of the book, the story was further expanded into a series.

The novel has opened up communication between parents and their teen. It is because of the fact that the story was loved by both generations, and they have found a common ground where they can discuss relationships and romance. With several other aspects depicted in the novel, the author has shown the passion and love between the two characters without having to incorporate sex. This is given a positive notion to the society and culture, and has given a strong idea that sex is not the only important thing between couples. The story is primarily about how

the two love each other unconditionally, and decide to stay together with a bunch of problems for both of them. On one side it is Edward, who cannot resist human blood but still manages to love Bella in every way that he could. With several restrictions and bounding, he decides not to leave Bella until it came to protecting her life. On the other hand is this girl, who puts her life in danger and decides to stay with him even if she has to die. This creates a very strong culture within the novel, and portrays the same to the audience accordingly. The old generation loved the storyline as it did not include sex or other vulgarity, and promoted pure relationships. This impacted the society in a way that the mindsets of people changes and their perception about true love also came to one side.

On the other hand, Twilight also influenced fashion. The way Stephenie Meyer explained the characters in the novel, and when they appeared on covers and spreads of magazines, many were inspired by them. It initiated a whole new move in the society, and it gave a new statement of fashion.

This phenomenon changed the way people think. Even the people who have not read the complete book also know enough about Twilight, its characters, and their evolving romantic relationship. There are different places in the novel that tells about the cultural values they had, and how they handled several aspects of their life. Jacob has been one character in the novel who kept on fighting with enemies of Bella as he wanted to see her safe. The aspects connected with Jacob leaves a very positive impact on the society, and for the people to learn. He had nothing to gain, and was getting nothing from Bella. His love for the girl made him protect her through every thick and thins, and controlled himself over several things.

One major factor that further added to the cultural learning is how Jacob, Edward, and their families control themselves over irresistible things just for the sake of love. It is told by the

author, how the families of both characters come to mutual terms and decide to fight with their enemy together. Werewolves and Vampires were enemies, and have been killing each other over the years. It is because of their son's love that they give up on their fighting and decide to protect the girl. This has given a very positive impact on the society, as it has taught tolerance and patience. It has further shown how to forgo personal disputes, for the sake of love. This has brought a positive notion to the society, and has added to the culture as well.

The love between the characters and immortality of the vampires has amended the way people view love, romance, and commitment. It has changed the way people feel about those they love, fighting for what they desire, and will continue to have an impact on society and culture.

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