

Text: 'In Custody' by Anita Desai WEEK - 12th - 19th April, 2020

WOMEN IN 'In Custody'.

Q. "The female characters in the novel are more frustrated than their male counterparts."

Discuss with reference to several women, Sarla, Deven's wife, Safiya Begum and Imtiaz Begum.

What to explore in this question?

Anita Desai being a woman writer explores women who appear weak and helpless, yet they reveal the tough inside through their actions (i.e. Sarla, Deven's wife) through words (Imtiaz Begum).

Read the novel and find the answer.