

## ***Book Review***

### **Temporal Love: Temporality and Romantic Relationships**

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There are many popular statements, proverbs and phrases that bind together love and romance with different aspects of the everyday life. Those could fit to various academic disciplines and research fields. Terms like "madly in love", "Lovesick" or "Sickly in love" and phrases like "there is no price for love", "unconditional love" and "there are no borders to love" connects love to psychology, sociology and theology, as leading scholars like Julia Kristeva, Eva Illouz, Ulrich Beck and many others do.

To those respected researchers Mira Moshe join in with her book "Temporal Love: Temporality and Romantic Relationships". The Italian popular adage "love makes you forget time, but time makes you forget the love" may be appropriate for her important book. The book is added to the corpus of academic books which deal with romantic love and their philosophical, psychological, biological, evolutionary and sociological meaning.

Mira Moshe ties in her book the love and romance with perception of time. This connection may clarify popular terms like "eternal love", explain the lovers feeling that "time stand still" and interpret the fairy tale sentence "in love forever and ever". Moshe deals with these and other feelings using studies and theories from psychology, philosophy, sociology and communication studies.

Moshe wishes to redound an important contribution to the growing field of feelings and experiences studies, which could be define as "the emotional turn" in social science. This is her third book that deals with emotions. The two previous books in her emotional trilogy gathered empirical articles from various disciplines and different researchers. This book is a theoretical study engage in past, present and future, and its relation to romantic love.

Moshe covers the connection of romantic love and the perception of time through subjects related, such as gender and age, honesty and deception, dramatic romantic relationship, time-out, privacy, happiness, parenting, the connection of time and love with place, the sense of the here and now as opposed to then and there and the feeling of ever and ever.

On the absence of concrete examples from different cultural texts and from the everyday life compensates the accessible theoretical discussions conduct throughout the book, allowing large and different readers to learn about these issues. The book is recommended to students, teachers, professors and researchers from various disciplines interesting in the emotional sphere.

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