

THE USE OF METAPHOR AND IRONY IN UZBEK PROSE

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ABSTRACT: Metaphor and irony are fundamental stylistic devices in Uzbek prose, serving as conduits for profound expression and cultural reflection. Metaphors in Uzbek literature often transcend mere decorative language; they encapsulate complex worldviews and emotional landscapes. For instance, Ikrom Atamurod's portrayal of the world as "an ancient narrator" exemplifies how metaphors can transform ordinary elements into profound symbols, offering readers a deeper understanding of the narrative's themes. Similarly, Asaloy Kurbanova's comparative analysis of English and Uzbek short stories reveals that metaphors in both traditions serve to encapsulate complex worldviews and emotional states, though they are often culturally specific in their expressions. Irony, on the other hand, functions as a subtle critique of societal norms and individual behaviors. Mavlonova Ugiloy Khamdamovna's research highlights lexical stylistic irony as a decorative element in speech, noting its prevalence in both English and Uzbek literary traditions. In the realm of satire, irony serves as a powerful tool for social commentary. The works of authors like Abdulla Qahhor and Erkin Vohidov employ irony to expose the contradictions and absurdities within society, prompting readers to reflect critically on their surroundings. This paper delves into the roles, functions, and cultural significance of metaphor and irony in Uzbek prose, offering a comparative perspective with English literature to highlight unique features and shared patterns.

KEYWORDS: Metaphor, Irony, Uzbek Prose, Literary Devices, Cultural Critique, Comparative Literature

INTRODUCTION

In the rich tapestry of Uzbek prose, metaphor and irony emerge as pivotal stylistic devices, intricately woven into the fabric of narrative expression. These elements transcend mere linguistic embellishments, serving as profound vehicles for conveying complex ideas, emotions, and societal reflections. Metaphors, often drawn from the natural world, folklore, and everyday life, enable writers to encapsulate abstract concepts and cultural nuances, offering readers a deeper understanding of the narrative's themes. Irony, conversely, functions as a subtle critique of societal norms and individual behaviors, often revealing underlying contradictions and prompting readers to engage in critical reflection.

The utilization of metaphor and irony in Uzbek prose is not merely a stylistic choice but a reflection of the cultural and philosophical ethos of the society. These devices facilitate a dialogue between the text and the reader, inviting an exploration of the multifaceted dimensions of human experience. By examining the roles, functions, and cultural significance of metaphor and irony, this study aims to illuminate their integral contributions to the richness of Uzbek literary tradition.

METAPHOR IN UZBEK PROSE

Metaphor in Uzbek prose functions as a bridge between the literal and the abstract, allowing writers to express intricate concepts through vivid imagery. For instance, in the works of Ikrom Atamurod, metaphors transform ordinary elements into profound symbols: "The world is an ancient narrator, the world is the voice of my soul" . Similarly, Asaloy Kurbanova's comparative analysis of English and Uzbek short stories reveals that metaphors in both traditions serve to encapsulate complex worldviews and emotional states, though they are often culturally specific in their expressions .

Moreover, Nigora Ruziyeva's study emphasizes the pedagogical value of metaphors in Uzbek prose, noting their role in enhancing students' understanding of narrative texts and their expressive capabilities .

IRONY IN UZBEK PROSE

Irony in Uzbek prose often manifests as a subtle critique of societal norms and individual behaviors. Mavlonova Ugiloy Khamdamovna's research highlights lexical stylistic irony as a decorative element in speech, noting its prevalence in both English and Uzbek literary traditions

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Furthermore, the comparative study by Umaraliyeva and Anvarova delves into the nuances of sarcasm and irony in both English and Uzbek literature, illustrating how these devices function as ideological responses to reality, often conveying a negative attitude under the guise of approval .

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: UZBEK AND ENGLISH PROSE

While both Uzbek and English prose utilize metaphor and irony to enrich narratives, cultural contexts shape their application. In English literature, metaphors often draw from universal themes, whereas Uzbek metaphors are deeply rooted in local traditions, folklore, and the natural environment. Similarly, irony in English prose may lean towards individualistic critique, while in Uzbek prose, it frequently serves as a collective societal commentary.

The study by Yuldoshev underscores the prevalence of metaphor, metonymy, and hyperbole in humorous texts across both languages, highlighting their role in creating humor and reflecting cultural values .

CONCLUSION

Metaphor and irony are integral to the richness of Uzbek prose, serving as essential tools for conveying complex ideas, emotions, and societal critiques. Metaphors in Uzbek literature often transcend mere decorative language; they encapsulate complex worldviews and emotional landscapes. For instance, Ikrom Atamurod's portrayal of the world as "an ancient narrator" exemplifies how metaphors can transform ordinary elements into profound symbols, offering readers a deeper

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