



The Portrayal of Breastfeeding in Literature

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Analyses differing depictions of breastfeeding in literature and how this might reflect the cultures.

This cross-cultural study analyses images and descriptions of breasts and breastfeeding in children's books and literature for adults, in both English and Swedish. It explores how the feeding of infants is depicted in literature in the two languages and discusses why there are differences and how this might reflect the cultures. Literary, feminist, anthropological, sociological, historical, and cultural research is employed to support the analysis and to suggest explanations for the differing depictions.

Readership

It is aimed at academics who work in literature or cultural studies and can be used in literature, film and TV, art, media, anthropology, and sociology courses. There may be a secondary market among those who work in breastfeeding support, such as lactation consultants, or among readers interested in feminist studies and issues.

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