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**Abstract:**

Tim Winton is an Australian writer who loves to explore the concept of masculinity and femininity in a world where the idea is being reinvented. In portraying his characters, he contradicts typical ideologies lurking behind gender and family relationship roles. *The Riders* is a novel that conveys contradictory messages about women. This research paper focuses on the portrayal of the female characters in *The Riders* and to move further with this theme, the Australian social and cultural context has also been taken into consideration. The purpose of this research paper is to analyse the three female characters with a view to identify the messages on femininity conveyed in the novel. There is an insight into gender in a world where men can cry and women can have a life that they prioritize over maternal roles.

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