## PHILOLOGY

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## Peculiarities of the metaphor functioning (based on N. Sparks novels)

It is considered the concept of "metaphor" and the peculiarities of its functioning in a literary text. It is emphasized that metaphorical expressions figuratively convey meanings that are not amenable to direct nominations, play an important role in conveying the emotional component of works, affect the readers' consciousness. It is analyzed in detail the features of the use of metaphor in the novels by the modern American writer Nicholas Sparks.

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