



POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglická a americká literatura (jednooborové navazující studium)**

Název práce: **From Child in Time to Atonement: The importance of crisis in Ian McEwan's works**

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Short characteristics of the thesis

In her thesis, Karolína builds upon her bachelor thesis, in which she focused on the work of Ian McEwan. While in the former work she examines and investigates McEwan's early fiction, now she writes on the author's later novels and tries to put them into a general frame. It needs to be said that this is no easy task. In his later work, McEwan reinvented himself as a writer and each novel is different. This may be the reason why the most recent novels, such as *Solar*, *The Sweet Tooth* and *The Children Act*, are omitted. Karolína focuses on six novels in particular: *The Child in Time*, *The Innocent*, *Black Dogs*, *Enduring Love* and *Atonement*. She close-reads these novels in order to arrive at a general explanation and interpretation of McEwan's work, which is summed up in a short conclusion.

Overall assessment

Karolína demonstrates a very good knowledge of Ian McEwan's work and she uses some important secondary literature. Also, her thesis is very good stylistically. As the supervisor of the thesis, I must say that she worked independently and with great enthusiasm. Her thesis reflects this love of reading and is a joy to read.

Close reading is Karolína's strength, while the weakness of the thesis lies in a kind of general framework that would unite the thesis and make it one whole. On the other hand, every reader of the novels mentioned must realise that it is almost an impossible task to arrive at any kind of generality in the case of this author. There are many reasons for this, one of them being the striking difference between the novels, such as between



Atonement, arguably McEwan's best novel, and under-achieving books such as *Enduring Love*.

In her bachelor thesis Karolína showed great talent for close reading and analysis of individual novels. In the diploma thesis she proved it once again and I hope she becomes a successful reviewer one day.

I **do recommend** the thesis for defence and I suggest the grade **excellent**.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **výborně**

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Podpis