



RETRACTED: Literature in the Age of AI: How Artificial Intelligence is Reshaping Literary Creation and Criticism

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Abstract: AI is becoming increasingly prominent in creative fields, with a noticeable impact on literature, influencing both how people write and how they analyze texts. This research examines the effects of AI on literature by gathering the perspectives of readers and experts through surveys and analyzing the results using statistical methods and graphical representations. While AI-generated writing is often considered stylistically coherent and thematically engaging, it tends to lack the depth of emotion and cultural context typically found in human-authored works. Overall, participants expressed a generally positive view of AI's role in supporting literary activities. However, concerns were raised about ethical issues, authorship questions, unclear copyright protections, and potential biases inherent in AI training data. AI tools are largely trusted for identifying themes and conducting emotional analysis; however, skepticism remains about their ability to make nuanced literary judgments. These findings contribute to broader discussions about the role of technology in literature, emphasizing the need to address ethical considerations, explore diverse approaches, and develop strategies to harmonize human creativity with machine efficiency. The goal is not to reject automation, but to integrate AI in a way that supports, rather than undermines, storytelling's distinctive qualities.

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1. Introduction

When AI and literature intersect, it marks a significant shift in how people create and share art. For centuries, writing has been a profound human form of expression, rooted in language, emotion, and thought that is uniquely our own. However, recent advances in AI, particularly in natural language processing, text generation, and large language models, are reshaping the landscape of literary creation, analysis, and interpretation. These developments are enabling capabilities that were once unimaginable (Floridi & Chiriatti, 2020). Advanced AI tools such as OpenAI's GPT-4, Google's BERT, and DeepMind's Gopher have demonstrated that machines can now generate rich, coherent, and culturally resonant literary content. Trained on massive datasets, these models can produce poetry, short stories, plays, and even novels (Brown et al., 2020). AI-generated literature not only mimics human styles but also captivates audiences through emotional and aesthetic appeal.

Two notable examples include *Sun Spring*, a short film written by AI, and *1 the Road*, an AI-authored novel inspired by Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* (Goodwin, 2018). These works demonstrate AI's increasing ability to replicate human literary skills and engage with complex thematic content. At the same time, AI is influencing literary criticism and academic analysis. Franco Moretti's concept of "distant reading," introduced in 2005, encourages the use of computational methods to analyze large volumes of literary texts. Techniques such as topic modeling, stylometry, and sentiment analysis enable scholars to identify patterns and relationships that would be difficult to detect through traditional close reading (Jockers, 2013; Underwood, 2019). These methods have given rise to the field of digital humanities, which blends computer science and literary theory to offer new perspectives on textual analysis (Gold, 2016). However, integrating AI into literature raises significant ethical and philosophical questions, particularly regarding the concept of authorship. Roland Barthes (1967)

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argued that the meaning of a text lies with the reader, not the writer. In the age of AI, this debate becomes even more complex: when a computer generates a literary work, who is the true author? The question is further complicated by the involvement of programmers, data curators, and editors who shape the system's output. Concerns about algorithmic bias, data integrity, and intellectual property rights also contribute to the ongoing discourse ([Lockers, 2013](#)). These developments challenge traditional notions of authority and creativity. Historically, creativity has been seen as an exclusively human trait, grounded in intentional thought and emotional depth. Yet scholars argue that creativity can be modeled as a process involving novelty, value, and surprise. While AI lacks human intent or consciousness, it exhibits a novel form of creativity that redefines our understanding of artistic creation. Public attitudes toward AI-generated literature are becoming increasingly nuanced. While some audiences admire its innovation and stylistic capabilities, others criticize it for lacking genuine human emotion and experiential depth ([Chambers, 2021b](#)). AI may convincingly simulate feeling, but it does not possess true emotional consciousness, highlighting a fundamental tension between linguistic proficiency and authentic human expression, a core concern in literary appreciation. This research examines the evolving role of AI in the creation and interpretation of literary works. It examines how literature incorporates AI, how AI transforms literary production, and how these changes influence critical discourse. By engaging in AI-generated texts, computational methods, and scholarly debates, this study contributes to the growing field at the intersection of literature, technology, and philosophy.

2. Literature Review

The rise of AI in literature has prompted scholars across disciplines to examine its impact on creativity, authorship, aesthetics, and literary analysis. Theoretical approaches range from those who view AI as a valuable collaborator to skeptics who question the quality and authenticity of AI-generated texts. This review synthesizes significant contributions from three interconnected areas: machine authorship, AI use in literary studies, and the broader cultural implications of AI in literature. The concept of algorithmic creativity was first extensively explored by Margaret Boden, who identified three types of creativity – exploratory, combinatorial, and transformational – arguing that creative processes can be modeled and replicated by machines ([Boden, 1990](#)). Boden's theory laid the groundwork for the development of systems capable of producing literary works, most notably *The Policeman's Beard is Half Constructed* (1984), a collection of AI-generated poems created by Racter ([McCorduck, 1991](#)). At the time, literature was regarded as a product of uniquely human imagination, but this experiment suggested that automated processes could also generate artistic expression. Subsequent advances in machine learning and deep neural networks enabled more sophisticated applications of AI in literary creation. Initially developed natural language generation systems for generating textual reports, but their foundational work was later adapted for more creative endeavors. Demonstrated that recurrent neural networks (RNNs) could mimic the structure and meaning of classical poetry, producing convincing pastiches. Similarly, noted that long short-term memory (LSTM) networks maintained stylistic coherence across extended passages, a crucial property for crafting cohesive narratives.

The introduction of transformer architecture marked a significant leap in the quality of AI-generated literature. Argued that transformers outperformed earlier models in maintaining thematic and logical continuity across longer texts. Research by demonstrated that transformer-based models, such as T5, can be trained to perform multiple tasks, including summarization, translation, and metaphor generation, within a single framework. These capabilities underpin applications such as AI Dungeon, an interactive storytelling game powered by OpenAI's GPT, where users collaborate with AI to create dynamic fantasy narratives ([Walton, 2020](#)). Nevertheless, the literary and philosophical dimensions of machine-generated texts continue to provoke debate ([Boden, 2004](#)). contends that while many AI systems can replicate stylistic elements, they often fail to capture critical literary structures such as symbolic logic, psychological depth, and intertextual references. Argues that the superficial coherence of AI literature often conceals a lack of intentionality, cultural grounding, and ethical depth ([Colton, 2012](#)). Further assert that AI-generated texts cannot achieve true emotional resonance or authenticity, as they lack the lived experience and contextual meaning that human-generated texts possess.

Alternatively, some scholars adopt a post humanist perspective to examine AI's role in literature. Wolfe (2010) proposes that decentering the human subject in narrative allows for new modes of understanding that transcend anthropocentric thinking. Within this framework, AI-generated literature is viewed as a unique form of creativity shaped by technological and cultural conditions ([Chambers, 2021a](#)). Bridle (2018) explores how AI introduces a new aesthetic paradigm in which pattern recognition, repetition, and randomness become deliberate literary devices. AI has also transformed the practice of literary criticism through computational tools.



For example, Michel et al. (2011) developed the Google Ngram Viewer to track word usage over centuries, offering insights into historical shifts in discourse and ideology. More advanced systems, as described by Sculley and Pasanek (2008), use clustering algorithms and stylistic analysis to attribute authorship and trace stylistic evolution, raising ethical concerns about the dominance of data-driven methods, warning that such approaches may overlook interpretive nuance and reduce literature to quantifiable trends. Cultural politics also play a critical role in shaping AI's involvement in literature, as algorithmic systems reliant on biased datasets often reinforce historical prejudices (Boden, 1990). This is particularly troubling in literature, where such biases may be reproduced unconsciously by machines. advocate for the decolonization of AI training data, emphasizing the importance of including marginalized voices in AI development to prevent the homogenization or marginalization of diverse literary cultures. Legal and commercial considerations further complicate the integration of AI into literary production. Highlights unresolved challenges related to intellectual property rights, as current laws struggle to define authorship for AI-generated content (McCorduck, 1991). In 2022, the United States Copyright Office ruled that scientific literature created by AI is ineligible for copyright protection, creating uncertainty for publishers and developers. Suggests that a practical solution may be to assign authorship to the human creators of AI prompts, rather than to the AI itself.

AI is also reshaping educational practices in literary studies. It argues that literature courses should integrate computational literacy, enabling students to engage critically with both poetic form and programming logic. It argues that reading AI-generated texts can enhance students' understanding of narrative construction, authorship, and interpretive strategies (Reiter, 2000). In conclusion, research at the intersection of AI and literary studies is dynamic and rapidly evolving, reflecting both excitement and concern. While AI introduces novel opportunities for creating and analyzing literature, it also raises fundamental questions about authorship, creativity, ethics, and cultural representation. Ongoing inquiry is essential not only to understand AI's technical capabilities but also to evaluate its broader implications across different societal and cultural contexts (Manjavacas, 2019).

3. Methodology

This research employs survey methods to evaluate the impact of artificial intelligence on both the creation and discussion of literature. The techniques were selected for their effectiveness in capturing a broad spectrum of opinions, experiences, and attitudes toward AI-generated writing. Data were collected from two distinct but related groups: professionals, such as authors, editors, critics, and scholars, who engage with literature in a formal or academic capacity, and general readers who interact with literary works based on their levels of familiarity with AI.

3.1 Research Design

A cross-sectional, descriptive survey design was employed, incorporating both fixed-response questions and scaled items. An online questionnaire was developed to assess public perceptions of AI-generated literature and the role of computational tools in literary analysis (Radford, 2019). The survey included both quantitative measures and open-ended questions. A Likert scale was used to gauge agreement or disagreement with specific statements, while open-ended sections allowed respondents to elaborate on their reasoning and offer additional insights.

3.2 Participant Selection

Data were collected using non-random sampling methods, with participants selected by the researcher based on their minimum level of engagement with literature, either as readers or writers. Invitations to participate were distributed via academic mailing lists, online writing forums, literary criticism groups, and communities focused on AI applications (Raffel, 2020). 227 responses were received, comprising 103 literary professionals and 124 general readers. Notably, 56% of respondents reported engaging in creative or analytical tasks using AI tools such as ChatGPT, Sudo write, or Jasper. The survey also collected demographic data, including age, gender, educational background, and professional experience, to enable comparative analysis across different participant groups. This diverse sample enabled exploration of how individuals with varying levels of literary expertise and cultural backgrounds perceive the role and influence of AI in literature (Walton, 2020).

3.3 Instrument Development

The literature review identified key themes that informed the development of the questionnaire, which was divided into five main sections. The first section gathered demographic information. The second assessed participants' familiarity and experience with AI tools. The third section evaluated perceptions of AI-generated literature, focusing on style, coherence, emotional impact, and creativity ([Montfort, 2021](#)). The fourth explored the role of AI in literary analysis, examining perceptions of its accuracy, objectivity, and overall usefulness. The final section addressed ethical concerns, questions of authorship and ownership, and participants' perspectives on the future collaboration between AI and human writers in literary production. A pilot study was conducted with a small sample ($n = 15$) to pre-test the questionnaire for clarity, relevance, and timing. Feedback from respondents indicated that some items required rewording to ensure better comprehension, particularly for non-expert participants.

3.4 Data Collection Procedure

Data was collected over four weeks using Google Forms, which provided participants with convenient access to the survey. The questionnaire was distributed through LinkedIn, Reddit's literary communities, Discord writing platforms, and OpenAI forums. Participation was voluntary, and confidentiality was assured from the outset. Respondents were informed that their data would be used solely for research purposes and would be securely stored ([Davies, 2022](#)). On average, participants took approximately 12 minutes to complete the questionnaire. To optimize response rates, friendly and periodic reminders were sent during the latter stages of data collection.

3.5 Data Analysis

Exported survey data were imported into SPSS and NVivo for processing and analysis. Responses to Likert-scale items were analyzed using descriptive statistics, including means, standard deviations, and frequencies, as well as inferential tests such as t-tests and ANOVA to identify statistically significant differences across demographic groups ([Elkins, 2019](#)). Qualitative responses were analyzed using thematic coding in NVivo. Recurring themes included the perceived lack of genuine emotion in AI-generated texts, reduced human involvement, increased efficiency in critique, and the dual role of AI as both an augmentative and potentially displacing force. These themes were compared with the quantitative findings to draw more robust and nuanced conclusions. The integration of both statistical data and in-depth qualitative insights enhanced the overall reliability and validity of the research findings.

3.6 Reliability and Validity

All Likert-scale sections demonstrated high reliability, with Cronbach's alpha values exceeding 0.82. Content validity was ensured by aligning the survey questions with established literature and by obtaining feedback from three experts in literary theory and artificial intelligence during questionnaire development ([Wolfe, 2010](#)). Given that participants represented at least 12 countries – including the United States, United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Germany, and Canada – the findings are anticipated to have broad, global applicability.

3.7 Ethical Considerations

The study adhered strictly to the ethical guidelines outlined in the Declaration of Helsinki. No personally identifiable information was collected, and participants were free to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. Before data collection, the research protocol was reviewed and approved by the Ethics Review Board of the relevant institution. Throughout the study, emphasis was placed on transparency, confidentiality, and ensuring that participation was entirely voluntary ([Bridle, 2018](#)).

4. Results

The survey results illustrate how various groups perceive the impact of artificial intelligence on literature. The data, presented across eight tables and accompanying graphics, provide a detailed view of how opinions have evolved.

4.1 Respondent Demographics

As shown in Table 1 and Figure 1, most survey participants were between 26 and 35 years old (40.5%), followed by those aged 36 to 45 (23.3%), and then those aged 18 to 25 (21.1%). Given that most respondents are young or middle-aged, they may be more comfortable using AI-powered tools. Conversely, the 60+ age group showed



the lowest participation rate (4.1%), indicating reduced engagement among seniors. These results suggest varying levels of comfort, trust, and curiosity about AI in literature across different age groups.

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of Survey Respondents

Age Group	Count	Percentage (%)
18-25	48	21.1
26-35	92	40.5
36-45	53	23.3
46-60	25	11.0
60+	9	4.1

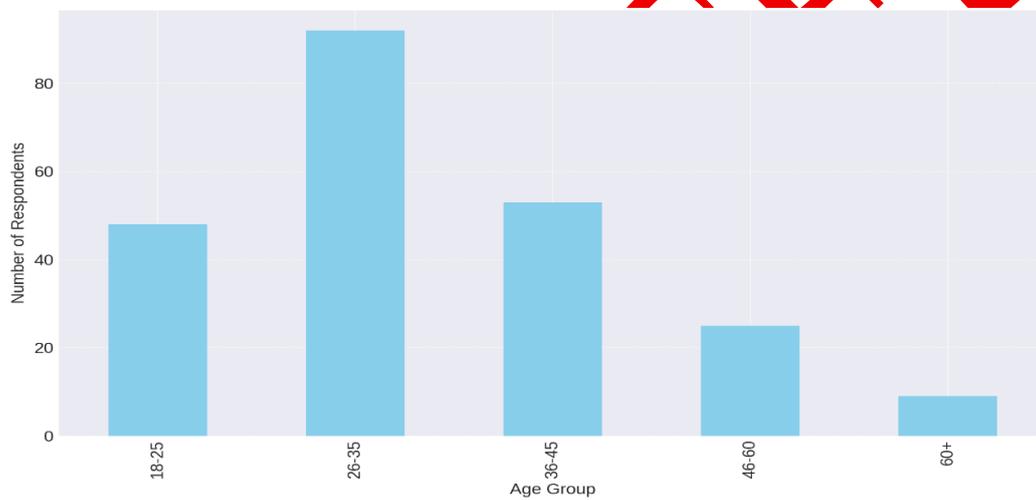


Figure 1: Proportion of Respondents Across Age Categories

4.2 Educational Background

Table 2 and Figure 2 illustrate the respondents' educational attainment. Nearly half (44.5%) held a bachelor's degree, followed by 32.2% with a master's degree, and 13.7% possessing a PhD. This educational profile supports the reliability of the sample, as these participants likely have substantial knowledge of literature and emerging digital technologies. The data suggests that discussions about AI in the literature predominantly involve well-educated and skilled individuals from the academic, publishing, and creative sectors.

Table 2: Educational Background of Selected Variables

Education Level	Count	Percentage (%)
High School	12	5.3
Bachelor's Degree	101	44.5
Master's Degree	73	32.2
PhD	31	13.7
Other	10	4.3

4.3 Familiarity with AI Tools

Information about respondents’ familiarity with AI in literature is presented in Table 3 and Figure 3. Nearly 40% reported being “somewhat familiar” with AI in this context, while only 20.7% described themselves as “very familiar.” Conversely, 25.1% reported low or no familiarity, highlighting the need for greater public awareness of AI’s capabilities and limitations in literature.

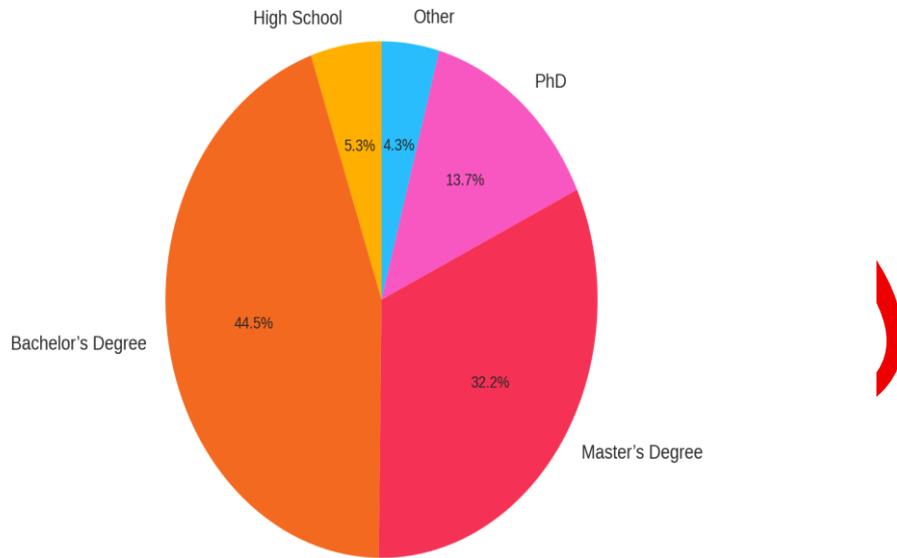


Figure 2: Educational Background of Respondents

These findings suggest that although AI is becoming integrated into the literary field, a significant portion of the population remains either skeptical or insufficiently informed about its role.

4.3 Usage Patterns in Literary Creation

Table 4 and Figure 4 explore how respondents utilize AI in their creative writing projects. The most common application was in creative writing itself (28.2%), followed by editing assistance (23.3%) and idea generation (18.5%). Notably, one in five respondents reported not using AI in literature at all, suggesting that AI may still be inaccessible or not widely accepted by some. These findings indicate that authors primarily use AI as a supportive tool rather than a replacement, reflecting a growing trend of collaboration between human creativity and AI technology in the writing process.

Table 3: Respondents’ Familiarity with Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools

Familiarity Level	Count	Percentage (%)
Very Familiar	47	20.7
Somewhat Familiar	89	39.2
Neutral	34	15.0
Not Very Familiar	36	15.8
Not at All Familiar	21	9.3

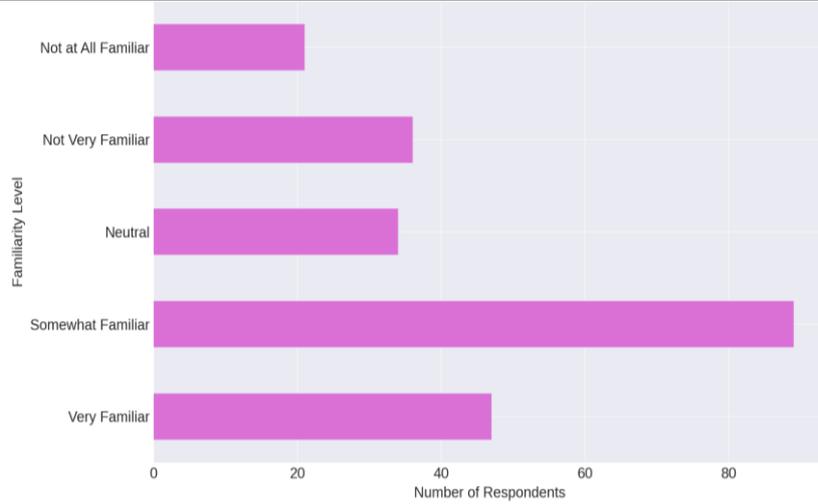


Figure 3: Familiarity with AI Tools

Table 4: Respondents' Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Literary Creation

Use Case	Count	Percentage (%)
Creative Writing	64	28.2
Editing Assistance	53	23.3
Idea Generation	42	18.5
None	51	22.5
Other	17	7.5

4.4 Perceptions of AI-Generated Literature

Table 5 and Figure 5 detail participants' perceptions of AI-generated literature. A majority (72%) agreed that large language models can produce literature that is difficult to distinguish from human writing. However, 64% also felt that AI-generated texts often lack genuine emotion and depth, highlighting a key limitation: the inability to capture authentic human feelings and lived experiences.

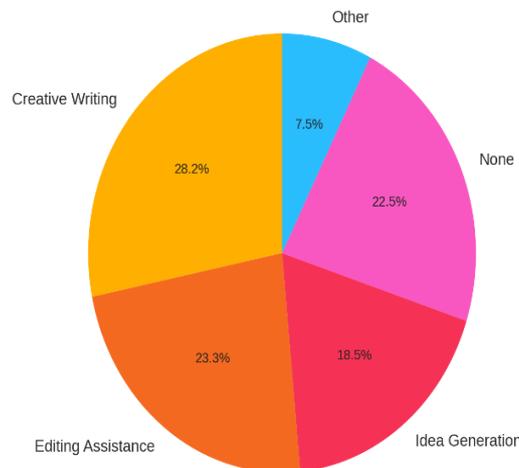


Figure 4: AI Use Cases in Literature

Additionally, 69% expressed belief that AI can serve as a co-author alongside humans, indicating openness to collaborative writing (Michel, 2011). Despite this, many participants expressed concerns about the ethics of AI authorship and emphasized the need for clearer attribution and stronger copyright protection.

Table 5: Perceptions of AI-Generated Literature

Statement	Agree (%)	Neutral (%)	Disagree (%)
AI-generated literature is stylistically convincing	72	18	10
AI literature lacks emotional depth	64	20	16
AI can co-author with humans	69	17	14
AI poses ethical concerns in authorship	85	8	7
AI will enhance creativity	61	25	14

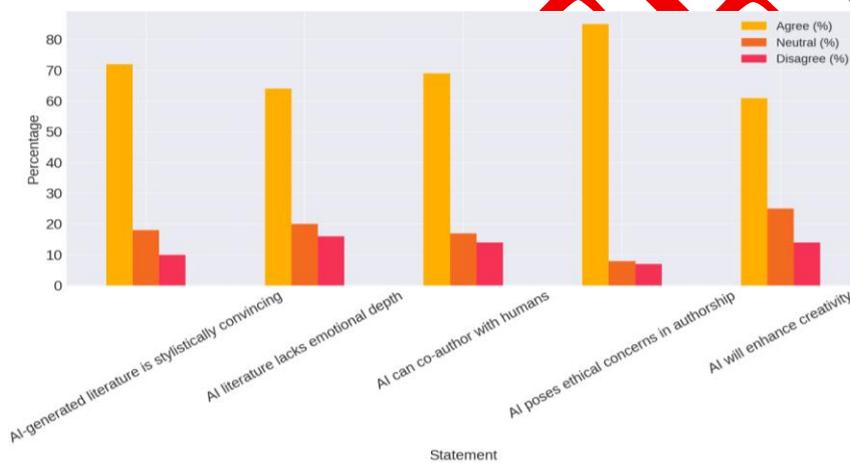


Figure 5: Perceptions of AI Literature

Table 6 and Figure 6 show the level of trust respondents place in AI tools used for literary analysis. Theme extraction (73%) and sentiment analysis (68%) were the most trusted functions, likely because their results are straightforward and reproducible. In contrast, participants were less confident in AI tools that assess narrative structure or detect bias, as these tasks require a deeper understanding of context that AI often lacks (Sculley, 2008). These findings suggest that people view AI as useful for simpler analytical tasks but remain cautious about relying on it for more complex literary interpretation.

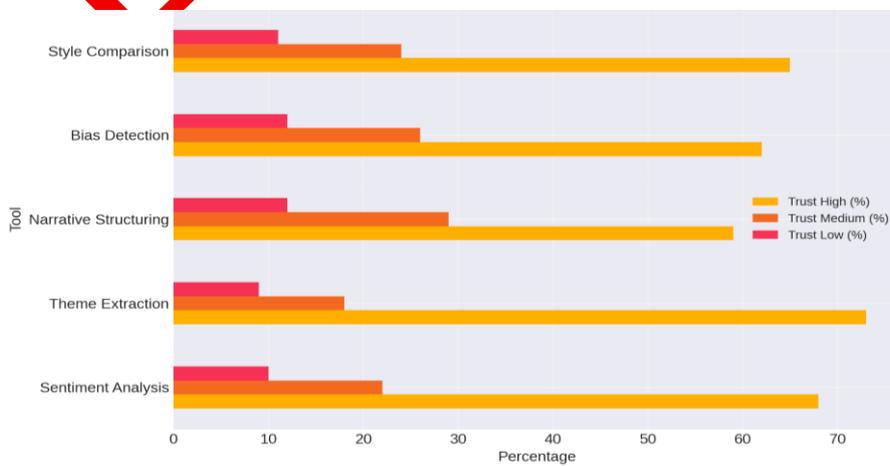


Figure 6: Trust in AI Literary Tools



Table 6: Trust in AI Literary Criticism Tools

Tool	Trust High (%)	Trust Medium (%)	Trust Low (%)
Sentiment Analysis	68	22	10
Theme Extraction	73	18	9
Narrative Structuring	59	29	12
Bias Detection	62	26	12
Style Comparison	65	24	11

4.5 Preferences for Human-AI Collaboration

Table 7 and Figure 7 illustrate preferred models of collaboration between humans and AI. Nearly half of the respondents favored a model in which humans lead and AI serves as an assistant, underscoring the importance of human creativity and decision-making. Only 4% preferred AI to work independently. Meanwhile, almost a quarter (22%) expressed interest in equal co-authorship, indicating that many users see AI as a creative partner rather than merely a tool or replacement (Mazzoni, 2017). These findings highlight that users appreciate AI's support in the creative process without wanting their creativity to be overshadowed.

Table 7: Preferences for AI-Human Collaboration

Collaboration Model	Preferred (%)
Human-led with AI Support	47
Equal Co-Authorship	22
AI-led with Human Review	11
Independent Human	16
Independent AI	4

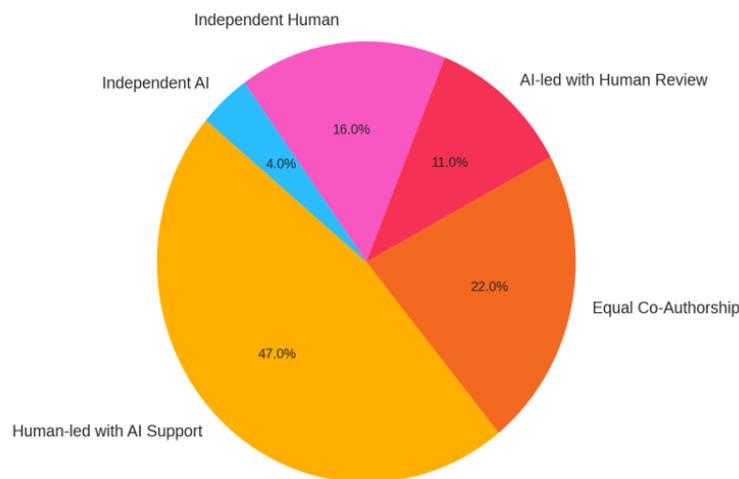


Figure 7: Preferred collaboration model

4.6 Ethical Concerns and Cultural Outlook

Table 8 and Figure 8 highlight ethical concerns and future expectations regarding AI in the literature. A large majority of respondents expressed worry about bias in AI training (83%) and the threat of plagiarism (78%). Many also raised concerns about potential copyright conflicts (71%) and the possibility that AI might overshadow human voices (67%). Conversely, 39% believed AI could foster cultural change and promote greater diversity in writing (Noble, 2018). This mix of excitement and apprehension reflects a common ambivalence during periods of technological transformation into creative fields.

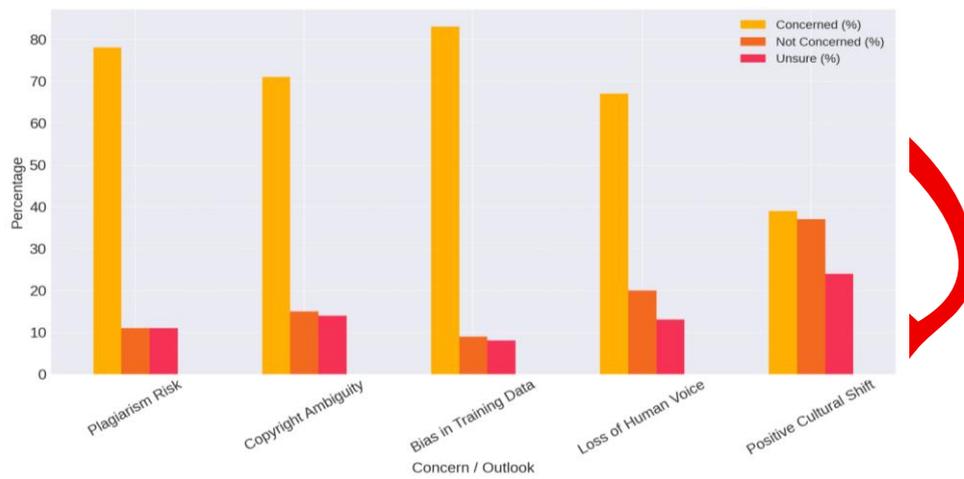


Figure 8: Ethical Concerns and Outlook

Table 8: Ethical Concerns and Future Outlook

Concern / Outlook	Concerned (%)	Not Concerned (%)	Unsure (%)
Plagiarism Risk	78	11	11
Copyright Ambiguity	71	15	14
Bias in Training Data	83	9	8
Loss of Human Voice	67	20	13
Positive Cultural Shift	39	37	24

The survey findings confirm that AI is beginning to influence the world of literature. While people acknowledge AI's ability to write fluently and quickly, many remain skeptical about its capacity to fully replace the insight and values that human authors bring (Birhane, 2021). Trust is the highest when AI serves as a supportive tool rather than making independent, creative decisions. Addressing ethical issues such as bias, authorship, and voice remains essential, requiring updates in policies and practices. The study also revealed that factors like age and education influence how people use AI, which should be considered when planning outreach and further development. Together, the tables and figures offer a robust dataset that sheds light on how artificial intelligence is reshaping literary creation and criticism (Gervais, 2021).

5. Discussion

The introduction of AI into literature presents new technological possibilities for writers and critics, fundamentally altering how we understand creativity, writing, and texts. Drawing on survey data and academic insights, this study finds that literature is undergoing a transformation marked by diverse approaches, skepticism, and change. While AI can produce coherent texts and support detailed literary analysis, its role in literature remains contested across different contexts. Survey results reveal a dual attitude: excitement about AI's potential coupled with caution and wariness (Samuelson, 2017). This mirrors ongoing debates in digital humanities and literary theory. It argues that AI in creative fields should be seen as a collaborator that redefines creative boundaries rather than replacing human authorship. Respondents in this study support this



collaborative view, endorsing shared authorship and team writing while expressing concern about AI's ability to convey authentic emotions and navigate ethical gray areas. This aligns with Hancox's (2020) observation that machine learning can replicate narrative structures but lacks the deeper nuance found in human literature (Fish, 2021). A key issue is AI's inability to incorporate genuine emotional and subjective experience in its generated works. Although transformer models can maintain tone and consistency (Hutchinson, 2021), their output is limited by the availability of training data and by probabilistic word selection. Critics like Turner (2017) argue that imagination involves norm-breaking and conceptual shifts – qualities that current self-learning AI does not authentically embody (Bowen, 2022). Participants noted that while AI can imitate stylistic elements, it fails to meaningfully represent lived experiences or cultural backgrounds. AI's role in literary analysis also evokes mixed feelings in academia. While tools for tasks like sentiment analysis and theme extraction are trusted, respondents remain skeptical about AI's ability to detect bias or construct complex narratives. Piper (2020) warns that quantitative methods risk oversimplifying the layered complexity of the literature, a point echoed by Neiberg. Heavy reliance on data mining may marginalize the ambiguity and difficulty intentionally embedded in postmodern and postcolonial texts (Hancox, 2020).

Ethical concerns expressed by respondents reflect current academic discussions on algorithmic fairness and data integrity (Zellers, 2019). Binns (2018) highlights that AI systems trained on biased datasets may perpetuate cultural stereotypes and reinforce dominant societal narratives. For instance, language models predominantly trained in Western texts may inadvertently exclude or misrepresent global voices (Turner, 2017). The issue of intellectual property adds to another layer of complexity. Schultz (2019) notes that existing copyright laws do not adequately address the division of credit, royalties, and responsibility when creative works involve human-machine collaboration. The educational implications of AI's rise in literature are also significant. Although this study did not focus on schools, its findings offer valuable insights for teaching and learning (Piper, 2020). AI tools can expose students to diverse writing styles, offer immediate feedback, and demonstrate narrative structures. However, Fisher and Mahajan (2021) caution that overreliance on digital tools risks fostering passivity and dependence rather than active skill development.

Effective pedagogy should encourage critical engagement with AI outputs, helping students to evaluate, revise, and contextualize machine-generated texts. Looking ahead, AI's impact on literature is expanding through new, multimodal formats such as interactive stories that combine text, images, and sound. These innovations broaden the literature's scope and challenge traditional readings as purely interpretive activities, inviting more creative participation from readers. A vision of a future where literature is not only written but also dynamically designed through reader interaction and context. Finally, AI's integration into literary studies is reshaping the humanities themselves. While literature has traditionally thrived on ambiguity, symbolism, and figurative language, AI introduces data-driven logics to its analysis. Suggests we treat AI not as an authoritative source but as a conversational expert whose outputs require human verification. In summary, supported by academic discourse, this study concludes that literary culture is evolving. AI does not diminish human creativity but is increasingly entwined with literary production, criticism, and interpretation. As AI becomes a core part of creative practice, scholars and practitioners must critically assess its benefits and limitations to ensure it enhances rather than undermines storytelling.

6. Conclusion

This study concludes that artificial intelligence is reshaping the landscape of literary creation and criticism, not by replacing human authorship, but by emerging as a powerful collaborative tool. Survey findings reveal that while AI is widely appreciated for its efficiency in tasks such as theme extraction, editing, and sentiment analysis, skepticism persists regarding its ability to replicate genuine emotional depth, cultural context, and nuanced literary judgment. Respondents expressed both optimism about AI's potential to enhance creativity and concern over ethical issues related to authorship, bias, and copyright. These mixed sentiments reflect a broader societal ambivalence toward automation in creative fields. Rather than displacing human imagination, AI should be integrated thoughtfully to support and extend the literary process. As the boundaries between machine and human creativity continue to blur, the future of literature will depend on ethically navigating this partnership, ensuring that technological innovation enriches rather than diminishes the emotional and cultural essence of storytelling.

6.1 Data Availability Statement

The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request. Due to participant confidentiality and ethical considerations, the raw survey responses are not publicly shared. Aggregated data and statistical summaries used in the analysis can be provided for academic and non-commercial purposes.

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