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## **ABSTRAK**

*Psikologi didalam sastra adalah sebuah studi untuk memahami tentang manusia dan proses mental yang tergambar dalam karya sastra. Sastra itu sendiri adalah sebuah istilah merujuk pada karya satsra secara tertulis namun bisa juga secara lisan. Contohnya adalah novel, skrip, drama, cerita pendek, dan puisi. Psikologi yang ingin peniliti gunakan adalah penyakit jiwa atau gangguan stress pasca trauma yang terjadi kepada seseorang yang memiliki pengalaman traumatis didalam novel “Cherry” milik Nico Walker menggunakan teori dari Freud (1921). Peneliti menganalisis penyebab dan gejala dari stress pasca trauma menggunakan teori Davison and Neale (1967). Penelitian ini menggunakan teori observasi non partisipatif dari Sudaryanto, (2015). Tujuan dari penelitian ini untuk memahami bagaimana psikologis dan karya satsra saling berhubungan satu sama lain. Tujuan lainnya juga untuk memperlihatkan kepada pembaca bagaimana pengalaman traumatis terlibat dengan proses mental manusia melalui karya sastra. Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah, peneliti mendapatkan 4 data penyebab lingkungan dari PTSD, 2 data penyebab psikologis dari PTSD, 1 data gejala penghindaran dari PTSD, dan 5 data gejala fisik dari PTSD.*

**Kata Kunci:** karakter, stress pasca trauma, psikologi

## **ABSTRACT**

Psychology in literature is a study to understand about human beings and mental processes that portrayed in the literary works. Literature itself is a term refers to literary works but can be spoken works sometimes. It can be novel, script, drama, short story, and poems. Psychology that the researcher wants to use is a mental illness or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder that happens to someone who has traumatic experience in the novel “Cherry” by Nico Walker using theory by Freud (1921). The researcher analyzed the causes and the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder using theory by Davison and Neale (1967). This research will be used non-Participatory observation method by Sudaryanto, (2015). The method of collecting the data, analyzing the data, and presenting the analysis result will be used theory by Creswell, (2013). The purpose of this research is to understand how psychology and literature has related to each other. It also shows the readers how traumatic experience involved to mental process of human through literary works. The result of this research, the researcher found there are 4 data of environmental causes, 2 data of psychology causes, 1 data of avoidance symptoms, and 5 data of avoidance symptoms.

**Keywords:** character, post-traumatic stress disorder, psychology

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