

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter consisted of conclusion and suggestion from the analysis on the novel “The Rules of Survival” by Nancy Werlin. The section of conclusion is construed into summary of the analysis on child abuse and neglect that happened to Matthew and his sisters. In the other hand, suggestion will be filled with insight of any possible topic that can be analyzed for future researcher following this research.

5.1 Conclusion

This research done on the novel “The Rules of Survival” by Nancy Werlin can be concluded that child neglect and abuse occurred in the novel deeply affected on the victims, especially Matthew. It was found that Matthew and his sisters had received quite few types of abuse and neglect by their own mother, Nikki. The research result showed that Matthew and his sisters had experienced two acts of child abuse, except sexual abuse, and two acts of child neglect except for educational neglect, with total of 21 data. There are 6 data that showed physical abuse, 4 data of psychological abuse, 5 data of physical neglect, and 6 data of emotional neglect. The researcher had observed through the content of the novel, and sexual abuse is not found to be experienced by Matthew or his sisters as the novel focused more on the abuse that is done physically and psychologically. While, educational neglect also is found not experienced by the kids, because they still had their father’s financial support, even though he lived away from them.

The abusive acts done by the antagonist of the novel towards her kids were not done without any triggers that caused her to do that. After the analysis, several factors and reasons were found in the novel within total of 25 data. There were three factors out that had caused Nikki to abuse and neglect her kids, they are family factors with 5 data, parent's factors with 18 data, and child factors with 2 data. Environmental factors are not involved to be the cause because it was proven that there were not any characteristics of it that had triggered Nikki. The factors of family involved Nikki who had been taking the role as a single parent, and their aunt, who ignored what happened to the kids at first. The research had summarized the main reason behind Nikki's abuse and neglect towards her kids is her own personality, which was proven by the data found of parent's factors are 18 data.

5.2 Suggestion

The researcher offered some suggestions regarding the research topics that can be taken in order to analyze the novel "The Rules of Survival" by Nancy Werlin. The novel fully focused in delivering the incident that happened to a child, which is the child neglect and abuse, that happened because of their parent's figure, to be mentally unstable. Future researchers may involve this novel into research about the mental illness that occurred on the antagonist, Nikki by using psychological approach which focused on her individual. The researcher also suggests the approach of psychoanalytical by using Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis theory to be analyzed onto Matthew's and also Nikki's personality.