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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini menganalisa aspek psikologi dari tokoh utama yang didekripsikan dalam novel Little Women oleh Louisa May Alcott. Maka dari itu, ada dua tujuan dari penelitian ini. Yang pertama adalah untuk mendeskripsikan rintangan-rintangan yang dialami oleh karakter utama dalam memenuhi kebutuhan akan rasa cinta dan kepemilikan, dan yang kedua adalah untuk mengetahui perjuangan dari karakter utama dalam memenuhi kebutuhan rasa cinta dan kepemilikan dalam novel Little Women oleh Louisa May Alcott. Untuk menganalisa aspek psikologi dari karakter utama, peneliti menggunakan pendekatan psikologi dengan mengaplikasikan teori hierarki kebutuhan manusia yang di usulkan oleh Abraham Maslow, dan selanjutnya memfokuskan menggunakan ke kebutuhan rasa cinta dan kepemilikan. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif deskriptif. Penelitian ini metode dokumen dalam mengumpulkan data dan metode analisis konten dalam menganalisis data. Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan kesimpulan berikut. Yang pertama, rintangan yang dihadapi oleh karakter berawal dari ketidak hadirannya sosok Ayah, kemiskinan, dan penyakit. Yang kedua, perjuangan dari karakter utama untuk melalui rintangan-rintangan dapat dilihat dari bagaimana dia bekerja dengan saudara, melakukan pengorbanan, dan merawat keluarganya.

Kata Kunci: Perjuangan, Hirarki kebutuhan, Pendekatan psikologi.

ABSTRACT

This research analyzes the psychology aspect of the main character which is described in the novel *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Therefore, there are two purpose of this research. The first is to describe the obstacles of the main character in fulfilling her love and belonging needs, and the second is to describe the struggles of the main character in fulfilling her love and belonging needs in novel *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. In order to analyze the aspect of psychology of the main character, the researcher uses a psychological approach by applying the theory of hierarchy of human needs that is proposed by Abraham Maslow, furthermore the theory focuses to the love and belonging needs. In this research, the researcher uses descriptive qualitative methods. This research uses document method in collecting the data and content analysis method in analyzing the data. The result of the research shows the following conclusion. Firstly, the obstacles that are faced by the main character begin from the absence of the father figure, poverty and sickness. Secondly, the struggle of the main character to overcome the obstacles can be seen by her having to go to work with her relative, making several sacrifices and caring for the family.

Key terms: Struggle, Hierarchy of needs, Psychological Approach

MOTTO AND DEDICATION

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**“NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, BUT JUST BELIEVE YOU WILL
SOMEHOW MAKE IT”**

DEDICATION

**I dedicate this research to my family and friends who always support
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