

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In this chapter, the research method is presented to provide readers with clear and detailed information about the steps of data collection and analysis in this research. This section includes the research design that explains the approach used to direct the course of the research. Furthermore, the object of the research is described to explain the subject that is the focus of the research. The data collection method is explained in detail to show the techniques and steps used in collecting relevant information. After that, the data analysis method is explained to describe how to process or analyze the data that has been collected. Finally, the method of presenting the research results is explained to illustrate how the research findings are compiled and presented.

3.1. Research Design

This research uses qualitative research because in analyzing and collecting data, the research is in the form of words. While in the way to present the data, it descriptively present. According to Litosseliti (2010), qualitative research is concerned with word structures, patterns, and features. Qualitative research methods are described as research that generates descriptive data from observed research in the form of words or utterances. Additionally, Taylor et al. (2016) mentioned, in its broadest definition, a qualitative technique refers to research that generates descriptive data, where the data is in the form of the person's written or spoken words and observable behavior. In this research, everything connected to research outcomes is written down. Therefore, the research result are presented

descriptively in the form of words or sentences. Moreover, this research relates to the social situation because it examines forms of status offense and social factors of delinquent behavior. According to Creswell & Creswell (2018), qualitative research is research that investigates and understands the meaning attached to individuals or groups in social or human situations. Therefore, the researcher uses a descriptive qualitative method in conducting this research because of the phenomenon of Juvenile Delinquency in the "Falling into Place" novel which is expressed in written form.

3.2. Object of the Research

In a research, determining the object to be studied is very important because all data and information are obtained from the object. In this research, the "Falling into Place" novel by Amy Zhang was chosen as the object of the research. The novel, published in 2014 by HarperCollins, has 296 pages and consists of 82 short chapters. "Falling into Place" has attracted attention from both readers and critics since it was first published. In the same year, the novel was nominated for the Goodreads Choice Awards for Best Young Adult Fiction, a recognition of the quality and appeal of the story among teenagers. To reach a wider readership, the novel was translated into Indonesian and published in 2016 by POP, a product line of KPG (*Kepustakaan Populer Gramedia*) which specifically publishes popular books. Broadly speaking, "Falling into Place" tells the story of Liz Emerson, a teenager who struggles with social pressure, loneliness, and guilt until she finally tries to end her life. In this story, various forms of Juvenile Delinquency are seen through the behavior of Liz and her friends as an escape from the problems of life

they experience. With an irregular plot and unique storytelling style, this novel illustrates how the social environment can deeply influence adolescent behavior.

This research aims to identify the forms of status offense in Juvenile Delinquency that are presented in the story and the factors behind them. Some forms of Juvenile Delinquency that appear in the novel include smoking and drinking, disobeying parents, skipping school and disobeying teachers, having bad companions, participating in sex or immoral conduct, violating curfew, and using profanity. All of these behaviors are carried out by the teenage characters in the novel as part of an escape or search for identity. In addition to the forms of delinquency, this research also analyzes the factors that cause teenagers to commit deviant acts. These factors include the influence of family, school environment, and also peer relations. As the result, in this research, the forms of status offense and social factors of Juvenile Delinquency come from the theory put forward by Siegel & Welsh (2009), and the data were taken from utterances or sentences based on novels related to Juvenile Delinquency.

3.3. Method of Collecting Data

Collecting data is a process carried out by researchers to obtain information that is relevant to the focus of the research. In this research, researcher uses the library research method as explained by George (2008), which is an approach that involves the process of finding and accessing sources that contain factual information and expert opinions that are relevant to the research question. To collect the data, the researcher uses document analysis technique as explained by Blaxter et al. (2008). In applying this technique, researcher not only collect written

materials, but also has to read and understand the contents in depth to obtain relevant information.

In qualitative research, data collection is carried out by distinguishing between primary data and secondary data, one of which can be obtained through the library research method on certain documents or sources of information. In this research, primary data is taken from “Falling into Place” novel by Amy Zhang. Meanwhile, secondary data was obtained from various supporting sources, such as theory books and journal articles, which contain the sociological theory of literature from Laurenson & Swingewood (1972), as well as the Juvenile Delinquency theory from Siegel & Welsh (2009) regarding the forms of status offenses and social factors causing delinquent behavior. When collecting data, the researcher follow various steps.

1. The first step that researcher take to collect data is to read the entire novel. Researcher read the novel repeatedly to gain a deep understanding. During this process, the researcher collects the text to find parts that are relevant to the focus of the research, which then be further processed in the next step.
2. After reading the novel carefully several times, the researcher proceeds to the next step, which is to highlight or underline important parts in the text, such as narratives or dialogues related to the research object. The parts that be presented later are collected as data that is explained using relevant theories.

3.4. Method of Analyzing Data

The content analysis method is the method used by researcher in this research to analyze data. This is because this method includes qualities that allow for in-

depth discussion of written content and is appropriate for studying written documents such as textbooks, essays, newspapers, novels, magazine articles, etc. Content analysis is a technique used to analyze the content of communications, such as texts in literary works, to indirectly understand human behavior or thought patterns (Fraenkel et al., 2012). In this research, content analysis is applied to understand the phenomenon of Juvenile Delinquency depicted in the novel "Falling into Place" by Amy Zhang. The steps of analysis carried out in this research are as follows:

1. The researcher first identifies the intrinsic elements in the novel "Falling into Place" by Amy Zhang. In order to understand the story well, the researcher read the novel repeatedly to be able to capture the overall storyline. At this step, the researcher's main focus is to analyze the elements of fiction, such as plot, characters, setting, point of view, and theme in the story. By understanding these elements, the researcher can more easily connect the contents of the novel with social issues that will be discussed in the next analysis step.
2. After the intrinsic elements were identified, the researcher analyzes the extrinsic elements of the novel. To strengthen this analysis, researcher uses the theory of literary sociology from Laurensen & Swingewood (1972). At this step, the researcher categorizes the data to facilitate the analysis based on the theory of Juvenile Delinquency from Siegel & Welsh (2009) regarding the forms of status offenses and social factors that cause delinquent behavior. According to Fraenkel et al. (2012), in content analysis, researchers in the qualitative research process must change descriptive information into certain

categories. As a result, these theories are used to analyze which is then applied to “Falling into Place” novel by Amy Zhang.

3.5. Method of Presenting Research Result

The final phase in this research is to report the outcomes of the analysis. After analyzing data, the researcher uses words to present the findings of this research. In this research, the research results are presented descriptively in the form of words or sentences. According to Creswell & Creswell (2018), a qualitative technique refers to research that generates descriptive data. As a result, those diagrams and symbols are not used because everything connected to the research result is written down. Therefore, the researcher descriptively presents the research findings with narrative text.