THE MAIN CHARACTER’S CONFLICTS IN NORA ROBERT’S NOVEL “NIGHT SHIELD”

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ABSTRACT

Jones Jr (1968:1) states that literature is simply another way that we can experience the world around us through imagination. It means that by reading literature we can get the experience, which we do not know before or never faced that experience in the real life. One of the literary works is novel that is taken by the writer of this thesis as the object of this study.

The purpose of this study is to find out the answer of the questions: (1) what are the conflicts faced by the main character? and (2) how do the conflicts effect the main character’s life?.

In this study the writer used descriptive qualitative design by using library research as the technique to collect and analyze the data. The approach used by the writer of this thesis was objective approach because the writer just analyzed the main character’s conflict in the novel without studying the external components, such as, the author life, background of the work or society. The population of this study was the whole elements or events that existed in the story of novel “Night Shield” and the sample of this study was some events or dialogue quotations which were related to the main character’s conflicts in the “Night Shield” novel.

The result of this study shows that the main character’s faced a psychological conflict, when he was confused to make a decision in loving Ally, whether he left or loved her. The social conflicts that the main character faced were first, the conflict between Jonah and Boyd Fletcher when he was asked about his relationship with Ally. Second, the conflict between Jonah and Ally when he fell in love with her. Third, the conflict between Jonah and Dennis Overtone when he saw Dennis disturb her. In addition, the effects of those conflicts toward the main character’s life showed that Jonah was able to determine the right decision by getting married with her. The other effects of the social conflict are first, he was able to convince Boyd about his relationship with his daughter. Second, he considered that he was attracted to her. The last effect is that he finally admitted his feeling to her.