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Abstract

Literature is one of creative work which is made of words toward the expression of human life through language. The author often exposes their feeling, experience, what they understand and even everything they have perceived about life. In this research the writer discussed Stephen Chobosky’s novel “The Perk of Being a Wallflower”. The story is about teenager named Charlie who tried to survive with all problems that caused him depression because of the bad experience he had been through in his life.

The design of this study was qualitative method because the data were analysed by narrated description and interpretation about the story in the novel. In collecting the data, the writer analysed and interpreted the novel related to the statement of problems which were 1) the symptoms of Charlie’s depression, 2) the cause of Charlie’s depression and 3) the way how Charlie overcame his depression.

The result of this study showed that Charlie had depression in his adolescent which can be seen from the six symptoms which are 1) Charlie was scared to be alone, 2) Charlie felt sad and miserable, 3) Charlie couldn’t enjoy the thing what he used to enjoy, 4) Charlie sometimes had disturbing dream about his aunt Helen, 5) Charlie spent a lot of time thinking about what had gone wrong in his life, and 6) Charlie found himself difficult to think clearly. Those symptoms appeared due to several causes which are 1) Charlie started to feel alone after his senior friends went to college. 2) Charlie got sexual abuse from his aunt Helen when he was child. 3) Charlie’s best friend Michael committed suicide. The last, Charlie overcame his depression by several steps which are 1) hiring the personal psychiatrist. 2) Charlie was brought to the hospital by his family. 3) Charlie got the support from family and friends. 4) Charlie tried to participate in surrounding.

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APPENDIX I BIOGRAPHY
Stephen Chbosky was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on January 25, 1972, to Fred, a former CFO consultant, and Lea, a Tax preparer. He grew up in Upper St. Clair, graduating from the local high school. He received his Bachelor of the Fine Art degree from the University of Southern California’s film writing program in 1992. Chbosky has written numerous screenplays, and received a number of honor for his film, The four corners of nowhere, as well as screenplays. Chbosky is best known for his coming of age novel, The Perk of Being Wallflower. The book is met with both critical acclaim and critical for supposed immorality. He lives and works in Los Angeles California, adapting The Perk of Being a Wallflower for film.
APPENDIX II SYNOPSIS

Fifteen year old Charlie was sad with the suicide of his friend, Michael. Lessening the fear and anxiety of starting high school alone, Charlie started writing letters to a stranger, someone he heard was nice but has never met in person.

At school, Charlie found a friend and mentor in his English teacher, Bill. He also overcomes his chronic shyness and approaches a classmate, Patrick, who, along with his step sister Sam, became two of Charlie's best friends.

During the course of the school year, Charlie had his first date and his first kiss, he deals with bullies, he experiments with drugs and drinking, and he made friends, loses them, and gains them back. He creates his own soundtrack through a series of mix tapes full of iconic songs, reads a huge stack of classic books, and gets involved in the Rocky Horror Picture Show audience-participation culture.

Charlie had a relatively stable home life, though, with supportive. Unfortunately, a disturbing family secret that Charlie had repressed for his entire life surfaces at the end of the school year. Charlie had a severe mental breakdown like depression and ended up hospitalized.

Charlie's final letter closes with feelings of hope: getting released from the hospital, forgiving his aunt Helen for what she did to him, finding new friends during sophomore year, and trying his best not to be a wallflower. Charlie hopes to get out of his head and into the real world, participating in life instead of just watching it fly by.
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