

# AN ANALYSIS ON CAREER WOMAN IN MARRY HIGGINS CLARK'S NOVEL " BEFORE I SAY GOOD BYE"



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Rees (1973) writes that literature is writing which expresses and communicates thoughts, feelings, and attitudes towards life. One of literary works is novel that is taken as the object of the study. A novel concerns with human being and often provides valuable messages for us through the given story. It derives us closer other human being of other nationalities cultures and races. So we become richer through our literary experiences.

The purposes of this study are to find out the answer of the questions; what are the characteristics of Nell Mac Dermott's career woman, the causes of Nell Mac Dermott's career woman, and the effects of Nell Mac Dermott's career woman on Marry Higgins Clark's novel "Before I Say Good Bye".

The research design used is descriptive method. The writer of this thesis uses this method by reviewing literary research to provide research data. The technique used in this method is library research in the form of books and internet as the sources of the study. And the approach that is used is objective approach because the writer of this thesis doesn't need studying in author's life, background of the works, or background of the society, but it just analyzes the work itself. The population of this study is the whole events or elements that exist in the novel "Before I Say Good Bye", while the sample of this thesis is some paragraph, events, or dialogues quotations which are related to Nell Mac Dermott's career woman in the novel "Before I Say Good Bye" by Marry Higgins Clark.

The result of this study shows that characteristics of Nell Mac Dermott's career woman are shown by her physical appearance that is she is a tall woman with the slim, has strong body of an athlete, short brown hair with the curl, midnight blues-eyes, a sensual mouth and beautiful. Then in her intellectual accomplishment can be seen that she has good knowledge about political, high profile and very smart. Next, in her emotional adjustment can be seen that she always spends her little time by reading some books about psychic phenomena. And in her social qualities is shown that she is a familiar, cares about people and realizes her nature as a wife. Furthermore, in her behavioral there are three characteristics, they are aggressiveness, competitiveness and risk taking. The causes of Nell Mac Dermott's career woman are she follows her family's political background and she also enjoys her working. And the effects of Nell Mac Dermott's career woman on her family are up to three years marries she doesn't have any children so he household feels unhappy, her husband has many scandal in his building construction, her husband has love affair with his assistant, and she also lost her husband because her husband has passed away. But finally, she is chosen as a congress woman.