AN ANALYSIS ON HETTY AS STEPMOTHER IN DIXIE BROWNING’S NOVEL “A BRIDE FOR JACKSON POWERS”

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Literature is about human expression in life. Reading literature means studying about human being’s life. It means that literature reflects the life of human being’s problem, their successful and their relationship with others. The literature is also provides the joys and sadness. Moreover, it gives the readers of novel much information about something new in live.

This study takes Dixie Browning’s novel “A Bride For Jackson Powers” which is a popular one. This study is focused on the aspects of “A Bride For Jackson Powers”, namely: (1). The reason of Hetty becomes stepmother, (2). Hetty’s goodness as stepmother, (3). Hetty’s weakness as stepmother.

The writer uses descriptive research because it only describes everything exists with respect to the condition in a situation. In this study, the researcher of this thesis uses the objective approach in analyzing Hetty as a stepmother in the novel “A Bride For Jackson Powers”, because the researcher doesn’t study about the author, her background of life and also the background of the society, but the researcher only analyses the novel itself. In this analysis, the object of this study is all the events in the story of the novel “A Bride For Jackson Powers”, particularly that relates with the stepmother through the paragraphs, quotations, and the dialogues which are stated in this novel.

From the analysis, there were three Hetty’s reasons becoming a stepmother. First, Hetty’s husband whose name Gus had been died. Second is because she started falling in love to someone who just she met in sudden place. The last is because she wanted to make better her economic condition. The two Hetty’s goodness as the stepmother are Hetty could make a good decision when she had to face and solved the problem, Hetty could love her stepdaughter as if her own daughter. The weakness of Hetty as a stepmother is she couldn’t be an emphatic mother. It can be proved when her stepdaughter (Jeannie) brought her credit card and run away with her new lover.