AN ANALYSIS OF MITCHELL MC DEERE’S
PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFLICTS IN JOHN GRISHAM’S NOVEL “THE FIRM”

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Literature is a product of language that expresses a series of happening of human being life. Reading literature offers us useful experience and gives us many lessons and massages. Novel is one of literary works. Reading novel can arouse the reader’s imagination into a real life. This study is focused on the aspects of Mitchell Mc Deere’s psychological conflicts, namely: 1) What are the psychological conflicts faced by Mitchell McDeere in “The Firm” written by John Grisham. 2) What are the causes of the psychological conflicts? and 3) What is the solution of the psychological conflicts?

This study used the descriptive qualitative research design because it intended to obtain information concerning with the current status of phenomena that existed in the object that she investigated. In this study, she also used the objective approach. The data were collected through conducting library research. Then, the data were analyzed based on the classification of Mitchell Mc Deere’s psychological conflicts.

The result of this study shows that Mitchell Mc Deere’s faced avoidance-avoidance conflict when, first, he had to decide whether or not to cooperate with the FBI. Second, when he had to tell the truth or a lie to his wife, related to the incident on the beach when he kissed a young girl. One approach-avoidance conflict was also found, when Mitch had to decide whether or not to do the apprenticeship. The cause of avoidance-avoidance conflict was that first, Mitch knew that the Firm was involved in the powerful Morolto crime family. Second, Mitch was tempted by a young girl. Furthermore, the cause of Mitch’s approach-avoidance conflict was that he thought that the billing was also important. Finally, it was found that the solution of Mitch’s avoidance-avoidance conflict was that, first, Mitch decided to run away from the FBI and the Firm. Second, Mitch didn’t make a confession, he didn’t tell the truth to his wife, Abby. Moreover, Mitch solved his approach-avoidance conflict by asking Avery to leave him alone; he wanted to focus on his exam.