

THE INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT TO THE PERSONALITY
DEVELOPMENT OF TWO MAIN CHARACTERS OF FRANCES

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ABSTRAK

Di dalam skripsi ini penulis membahas pengaruh lingkungan terhadap perkembangan kepribadian Mary Lennox dan Colin craven yakni dua tokoh utama novel The Secret garden yang ditulis oleh Frances Hodgson Burnett. Mary dan Colin adalah anak-anak berumur sepuluh tahun yang tidak mendapatkan kasih sayang dari kedua orang tuanya. Mereka dibesarkan oleh pelayan yang hanya memenuhi kebutuhan fisik mereka. Pelayan tersebut diperintahkan untuk memenuhi segala permintaan mereka. Situasi ini berpengaruh buruk terhadap kepribadian Mary dan Colin. Keadaan alam dan iklim tempat tinggal Mary dan Colin juga mempengaruhi kepribadian mereka.

Dalam penulisan skripsi ini, penulis menggunakan teori psichoanalisis yaitu teori "human psychic zone" (teori kepribadian manusia). Teori tersebut disampaikan oleh Sigmund Freud. Dalam menganalisa novel ini penulis menggunakan metode kepustakaan untuk mengumpulkan data. Selanjutnya penulis menganalisa data tersebut dengan menggunakan metode kualitatif. Hasil akhir dari kedua metode di atas dijabarkan dengan metode deskriptif.

Setelah menganalisa novel ini, penulis menyimpulkan bahwa lingkungan keluarga, teman, masyarakat setempat, dan keadaan alam dan iklim sekitar juga mempengaruhi kepribadian kedua tokoh utama. Dalam mendapatkan kepribadian yang baru, dua tokoh utama harus melewati beberapa tahapan. Dalam setiap tahapan-tahapan tersebut aspek-aspek kepribadian yang terdiri dari id (keinginan instingtual), superego (norma sosial) dan ego (interaksi dengan dunia luar) memainkan peranan penting. Berdasarkan uraian di atas dapat disimpulkan bahwa di akhir cerita, kedua tokoh utama berhasil melewati tahapan perkembangan kepribadian sehingga mereka memiliki kepribadian yang baru.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Research

Literary works records all of phenomena that are dealing with human experiences. In literary works we can find all of patterns of human behaviors that are presented by the authors. We can analyze the human behaviors psychologically.

Human's mental process can be a main factor in developing human behaviors, and the development of the mental process itself occurs during childhood. Therefore, the writer is interested in analyzing the personality development of children.

The environment, in this case family and the neighborhood around the children, is considered as important factors in the development of children's personality. Family is a place where children encounter their first social life. Family characteristic and children's experiences within their families appear to influence children's personality development. Elizabeth B. Hurlock (1980; 188) in Psikologi perkembangan says: "Mutu hubungan dengan orang tua, saudara kandung dan sanak keluarga lain, dan pandangan anak mengenai metode pelatihan anak yang digunakan dirumah semuanya berperan dalam menentukan perkembangan kepribadian anak." In other words, the quality of relationship of children with their parents, siblings, and other family members, and children's view about parent's child-rearing approach at home, affect the personality development of a child. Thus, the relationship and the treatment of family have an important role in forming children's personality and

behaviors. In this case, parents, especially mother, have the greatest role. In this way, bad relationship with parent will give bad impact toward children personality.

Neighborhood, either the society or the landscape of the place, good or bad, also have contribution to children personality development since it is another place of children's social life. Thus, directly or indirectly, it gives influence on the personality development of children.

Such phenomenon is found in literary works. One of them is novel. In this case, one interesting novel of which the main characters are appropriate to be analyzed psychologically is The Secret Garden written by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Frances Hodgson Burnett herself is an English-American playwright and author. She is best known as a famous children's storywriter. Her main writing talent was combining realistic detail of working-class life with a romantic plot. Burnett won prestigious prize for her works in both Europe and United States and is remembered as one of the most respectable cotemporary writers of her time. In addition to The Secret Garden (1911), her other great works are Haworth's Louisiana (1879), A Fair Barbarian (1980), Through One Administration (1881), Little Lord Fauntleroy (1886), A Little Princess (1888), and many others. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Hodgson_Burnett)

The writer chooses The Secret Garden because she is interested with the influence of environment to the personality development of children, which is described in very interesting way in the novel. In addition, this novel has established steadily as one of the few real of classical children's literature and it is never analyzed by using psychoanalytic theory before.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

After reading and analyzing Frances Hodgson Burnett's The Secret Garden as discussed in previous chapters, the writer sees that Mary Lenox and Colin Craven, the two main characters, have passed transformations of characters. There are many psychological conflicts that they possess and then their personalities develop during the course of the story. Those things are influenced by the treatment of family and the neighborhood where they live. Here the writer explains those things by using psychoanalytic theory proposed by Sigmund Freud.

In the analysis, the writer finds that the environment is greatly influence Mary's and Colin's personality development. The bad environment, in this case family and neighborhood, gives bad influence to Mary's and Colin's personalities. They become tyrannical, selfish, spoiled, and lonely child. It is because they are unloved children and brought up by native servants who only fulfill their physical needs and desires and it brings about some bad personalities in Mary and Colin. The poor and unhealthy landscape and climate of India also gives bad effect physically and psychologically to Mary. In the other hand, the good environment gives a very good influence to the personality development of Mary and Colin. Since the society treats them well and the landscape as well as the climate where they live is very good, it brings good effect to their personality. They become a happy, optimistic, strong and civilized human being.

Mary's bad personalities as the result of bad environment that are tyrannical, selfish, lonely, spoiled, rude, and less affectionate lie on pleasure principle. Mary follows the impulse of her id and denies the superego. Colin as the other main character of the novel also possesses similar personalities with Mary. He is a very tyrannical, selfish, lonely, desperate, and frightened child. The writer sees that Colin follows his id and there is imbalance between id, ego and superego.

When Mary moves and lives in England, her personality develops positively. With the good atmosphere of England, with the friendship from Martha, Dickon, Ben Weatherstaff, Colin, and Robin, Mary makes the constructive change over her personality. She becomes happy, civilized, sympathetic, and affectionate child. She finally succeeds to repress her id and balance it with superego. She acquires a good personality at the end. Similarly to Colin, after he makes friend with Mary, Dickon, Ben weatherstaff and Robin, sees the garden in springtime, and feels the fresh wind blows, he begins to change. He transform into a better person who is optimist, strong, and happy child. At last he can repress his id and balance it with the superego.

The writer finds that the environment, in this cases the family and the neighborhood, have great influence toward the personality development of children. The bad environment where the children live gives the bad effect toward the personality development of children.

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