



determined by dominance, mostly appearance and influence toward the whole development in the story. We know that the main character is not only one in this novel because this novel tells about romantic love between one woman and two men. There are two others characters as a main character in the novel that supports Allie in the whole plot; they are Noah Calhoun and Lon Hammond. In other word, they contribute completely from the beginning up to the end of the story.

The author has some various techniques to know Allie's character in the story. As Perrine says that there are two methods that often used by author to portray the character in literary work, those are direct and indirect characterization. Direct presentation tells us straight out, by exposition or analysis, what the character are like, or have someone else in the story tells us what they are like. In indirect presentation the authors shows us the characters in action; what they are like from what they think or say or do.

Allie Nelson is also seen as round character because she shows some changes in significant way throughout of the work. The story cannot be understood without presentation of the character Allie. As Abraham stated that round character is complex in temperament and motivation and it is represented with subtle particularity; such as character is as difficult to describe with any adequacy as a person in real life, and like real persons, is capable of surprising us.

The author describes in the story that Allie is a perfect woman who comes from an upper-class. She is twenty nine years old and she is the only child of her parents in family. She has perfect body, smart, intelligent, and beautiful. She had



The author portrays Allie as a painter. She has learned painting since a child. When she was young, she began to study more deeply in painting.

“I remember being unable to stop painting after I went home that summer. I think it was my way of avoiding the pain I was going through. Anyway, I ended up majoring in art in college because it was something I had to do; I remember spending hours in the studio all by myself and enjoying every minute. I loved the freedom I felt when I created, the way it made me feel inside to make something beautiful. Just before I graduated, my professor, who happened to also be the critic for the paper, told me I had a lot of talent. He told me I should try my luck as an artist. But I didn’t listen to him.” (133)

From the quotation above, it is clear that she likes painting very much. She feels free when she creates some sketch. She spent hours in the studio and she feels very joyfully with it. Moreover, her professor said that she has talented to become an artist.

She leaves the activities that are considered inappropriate for a woman from upper-class even though she has talented. That activity is painting.

“My parents didn’t think it was proper for someone like me to paint for a living. I just stopped after a while. I haven’t touched a brush in years.” (134).

From the quotation above, her mother considers that painting is not proper for her. Although she likes painting very much, but when her mother said this is inappropriate for her, she just stops after a while. Now, she is not sure if she can paint anymore because it’s been a long time.







Her family also likes him and treats him well as their daughter's future husband. Lon can convince Allie's family by his appearance and social status. Lon can make successful himself, from this her parents think that he can make her daughter be a good wife and can fulfill her needs.

Allie's think Lon is a man that she wants. She thinks that all of her pretension of love is Lon. Allie is also sure that she will be his wife someday. She believes that Lon becomes a good husband, good father for her child. She is also certain that Lon can fulfill all she needs and their life will be perfect.

He would be a kind husband to her, and she would be a good wife. She would have a home near friends and family, children, a respectable place in society. It was the kind of life she'd always expected to live, the kind of life she wanted to live (208).

From the quotation above, when she would be her wife, she would have a home near from her family, her friends, respectable place in society. We can see that all of this is that she wants to her life. So, she tries to make them become a real.

There is no barrier between Allie and Lon. They also do not have any problem. Their family of both supports them. Their relationship runs like most other couples. They love each other. They keep in touch after they finished work. Moreover, Allie is the first to be on the phone with Lon if he has finished his work.

He thought about her then. He loved her, he was sure of that. Not only was she beautiful and charming, but she'd become his source of stability and best friend as well. After a hard day at work, she was the first person he would call. She would listen to him, laugh at the right moments, and had a sixth sense about what he needed to hear (163).













Allie is a type of romantic woman; she wants everything to be a romantic. But, Lon is hard worker, almost the whole day to work. Both of them are very busy with their work and they will spend time together when they have day off. Allie knew Lon worked hard to establish his name and their future, but Allie feels something missing with Lon.

But the more important part of his success came from hard work. He had always paid attention to details, especially when he'd begun his practice. Little things, obscure things, and it had become a habit now (161).

The sense that life as a whole is absurd arise when we perceive, perhaps dimly, an inflated pretension or aspiration which is inseparable from the continuation of human life and makes its absurdity inescapable, short of escape from life itself. She became flustered with her feeling. Allie's love Lon and want to be her wife, but she also loves Noah. It is not a fair if she wants Noah and Lon, she must decide to choose one of them to be her husband.

She shook her head then, knowing she wasn't being completely fair. She loved Lon, and always had, for other reasons. Though he wasn't Noah, Lon was a good man, the kind of man she'd always known she would marry (207).

Life does not consist of a sequence of activities each of which has as its purpose some late member of the sequence (Nagel, 717). What people think of well-being does not mean same in different time and space. Allie prefers to choose Noah even though he does not have good job. For upper-class perspective, Noah's job is nothing compared to Lon's position. Allie does not earn good money for her life. Allie will also be excluded from respected society.

Noah wants their relationship to be exposed. He wants to have Allie completely. So, Allie must break up with her fiancé because Noah is not like an educated person who thinking a lot to find a wise way to leave somebody. Noah just thinks about himself. Noah felt tightness in his stomach. When he finally spoke his voice was steady, but she could hear the pain in it. “You’re not going to tell him about us, are you?” “I don’t know. I really don’t (268).

It is different with Allie. She must consider about not only about Lon’s feeling but also her family. She has to find a smooth way in order to avoid hurting other people. She must try hard to convince Lon that her choice is the best for her.

“But I also want a happy ending without hurting anyone. And I know that if I stayed, people would be hurt. Especially Lon. I wasn’t lying when I told you that I love him. He doesn’t make me feel the same way you do, but I care for him, and this wouldn’t be fair to him. But staying here would also hurt my family and friends. I would be betraying everyone I know. I don’t know if I can do that. (269)

With Noah, Allie gets new experience. She feels she is treated as an important person in someone’s life. She never has this experience before. So far, her relationship with Lon is like a very mature couple who trust each other. It does not need different way to say how they love each other.

She then understands that love can be expressed with various ways. Being angry is also an expression of love. Noah is anger to Allie’s slow decision is also an expression of love. Noah was angry with her because she is still confused about her feeling. Allie realized that he had to take a decision.

“You can’t live your life for other people. You’ve got to do what’s right for you, even if it hurts some people you love.” “I know,” she said, “but no matter what I choose I have to live with it. Forever. I





Her expectation is right; she can see her daughter in there. She tells to her that Lon looking for her. He remembers her mother tells him about Noah a long time ago. He assumes that you go to the New Bern to see Noah. Her mother asks her about what she really wants to whom the one you love exactly? Allie said that she love Noah very much. She also loves Lon but in different way. Lon does not make her feels the way Noah does. Her mother suggests that she must think what exactly she wants in her love.

“I can’t make this decision for you, Allie, this one’s all yours. I want you to know, though, that I love you. And I always will. I know that doesn’t help but it’s all I can do.” (263)

Love story between womenfolk from high-class and a common man from lower-class rarely happend in live. Allie is a countess from high-class and she choose Noah from Lower class to live forever with him. Their love story become absurd because is not suitable with her expectation.

Nagel stated, “Many people's lives are absurd, temporarily or permanently, for conventional reasons having to do with their particular ambitions, circumstances, and personal relations” (718). The reason of Allie in her absurdity is related to her personal relationship. She does it since she believes her life does not find the meaning so far. She thinks that her life like usual. She takes the risk by choosing Noah who has different class with her. She convinces Lon who is mad of her choice and tries to make him understand Allie’s situation and feeling.

Allie tries hard not to hurt other people. She attempts to find a nice way to tell people around her that she wants to change her ambitions. She convinces her



her parents about her decision are a one of way how Allie keeps her relationship with Noah. She tries to convinces, and her mother can understand what her daughter feeling. Finally, her family and Lon can understand and agree with her choice. Even so, they do not run their love smoothly. They have some quarrel so then their relationship is so dynamic.

For other people, her choice seems so absurd because she bets her well-being future husband for a common man. But, she takes the risk of her decision to change her aspiration or pretension that is her love to a common man.

