Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is a part of our life. Hudson states that literature grows directly out of life. It is of course to say that it is in life itself that we have to seek the sources of literature or in other words, the impulses which have given birth to the various forms of literary expression (11). It means that a person's life is a form of expressions. Hudson further explains that the literature directly expresses the thoughts and feeling of the writer. We are intensely interested in men and woman their lives, motives, passions, relationship (12). It means that revealing the expression of thoughts and feelings is interesting in person's life.

According to Kennedy, Literature has some genres such as poetry, prose, drama, and novel. All of these genres have special features and functions that distinguish them from one another (literarydevices.net). Especially, within the novel because novel is the most popular literary form such as crime, romantic or historical fiction (www.findmeanauthor.com).

Telling about novel is very interest. Novel is also something interesting to discussed and analyzed. The readers will interest, because in this novel they can learn about the meaning in life, like this novel telling about interpersonal relationship (writersdigest.com).

Interpersonal relationship is a topic that cannot be separated from human's life. It always becomes the most interesting topic for all people, because according to an article that interpersonal relationship exists between two or more people who interact and fulfill one or more physical or emotional needs (www.livestrong.com).

One ofthe novels that tell about interpersonal relationship is *The Kiss* by Danielle Steel. *The Kiss* is published on 2001 and it is 53rd bestselling novel. Danielle Steel explores this novel on how a single shattering moment can change lives forever. This novel is very interesting, because it tells aboutthe fragility of life and a breathtaking story about the power of love to heal, to free, to transform, and to make broken spirits whole (daniellesteel.com).

Danielle Fernandes Dominique Schuelein Steel but she is more famously known as Danielle Steele was born on 14th August 1947.She is an American novelist and all her novels have been bestsellers.Sherenowned with her romantic novel that has established her unprecedented status as one of the most commercially successful romantic novelists of all time (famousauthors.org).

This novel tells about Isabelle Forrester, Isabelle is the wife of Gordon who he is a prominent Parisian banker. They have two children, Sophie and Teddy. However, both Isabelle and Gordon are no longer passionate in their marriage. It started when Teddy was born three months premature. Isabelle allows herself to have one secret pleasure.It is a long-distance friendship by telephone with an American man named Bill Robinson. He is a Washington power broker

who travels in the highest circles of politics and who, like Isabelle, is trapped in an empty marriage. Bill Robinson loves Isabelle, their relationship is a gift, a lifeline that sustains them both through the heartache of marriages they can't leave and will not betray.

To analyze this novel, the researcher applies Robert Sternberg's concept of the triangular theory of love. This theory is applied because the novel tells about interpersonal relationship which is a kind of feeling that grows in mind, brain, and behavior. People have a feeling to like, to possess, to dear, to compassionate and to understand one to another. The concept talks about interpersonal relationship which has three components, which are intimacy, passion, and commitment.

1.2 Statement of the problem

Based on the background of the study above, the research problems are:

1.2.1   How does Isabelle build interpersonal relationship with Bill Robinson?

1.2.2   What is the effect on Isabelle's interpersonal relationship to her family?

1.3 Objective of the study

Based on the research problems above, the objective of the study is to find out:

1.3.1   To know interpersonal relationship of Isabelle with Bill Robinson.

1.3.2   To find out the effect on Isabelle's interpersonal relationship to her family.

1.4 Significance of Study

The significance of the study is the important thing that we get after reading analyzes. It is divided into theoretical and practical study. Theoretically, this research will give some addition knowledge to the readers to study the triangular theory of love which be applied in novel.Practically, this research will be useful for people to interpersonal relationship between Isabelle and Bill.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

This research is limited to the novel *The Kiss* by Danielle Steel. The writer will focuses on interpersonal relationship between Isabelle and Bill. This novel used the triangular theory of love by Robert Sternberg.

1.6 Method of the study

This study presents and discusses the research method which includes research design, data and source of data, research instrument, technique of collecting data, and technique of data analyzing that will be used in conducting this research.

1.6.1 Research design

This study uses qualitative approach, because it relates to non-numeric data. In this study, the writer uses the triangle theory of love as research design, because the writer examines deeply about everything which has connection to this novel.

1.6.2 Data and source of data

The data of the study are the conversation and the sentences about Isabelle's interpersonal relationship in Danielle Steel' *The Kiss*.

1.6.3 Research instrument

The key of this study is the writer herself. Human being has the following features enabling the data processing being done right after the data collected (Lincoln and Guba, 107).It described that the writer reads the novel. Then reread to understand and analyze the novel. Finally the data will be collected, selected and verified.

1.6.4 Technique of collecting data

The data source in this study is the sentences taken from the novel entitled *The Kiss*. Besides that, to make the data complete, the writer needs to find out other source that are some books to discuss about the novel and the related theory to support the data which will be analyzed. In collecting the data, the writer will find the sentences that related with the novel. It

used by documentation technique such as find out the data form of the text, sentences, book, and article.

There are three steps which will be conducted by the writer; first, by reading, read carefully and understanding the author explanation and conversation related with the data which will be collected. Second is selecting the content of the data which relations with the statements of problem. This technique will help to find the interpersonal relationship in novel based on the objects of the research. Third is verifying the data which will have selected by using the theory.

1.6.5 Technique of data analyzing

1. Analyze the data that it is relate to interpersonal relationship between Isabelle and Bil.
2. Analyze the data about the effect on Isabelle's interpersonal relationship.
3. Drawing the conclusion.

1.7 Organization of the thesis

This thesis is divided into four chapters;Chapter 1 consist of background of the study, statement of problem, significance of study, scope and limitation of the study, research method, and Organization of the thesis.Chapter 2 consists of theoretical frameworks and previous study. Chapter 3 consists of findings and discussion, and chapter 4 consists of conclusion and suggestion.