

that creates the sense of harmony in every line (Cuddon 678). Drama refers to a work which appeared in text or script which intended to be performed in the stage and played by actors (Cuddon 237) and Prose is a spoken or written discourse which is not patterned in lines, either in metric verse or free verse and its function is to describe, to explain, to narrate, or to express the content of the work itself (Abrams 246-247). There are two kinds of prose, those are; fiction and non-fiction. Fiction considers as a narrative work which not written based on the factual events. It is the creation from the imaginative thought of the author. While non-fiction refers to a work which is written based on fact that happened in a certain time (Abrams 94).

One of the prose fiction forms is novel. Novel is a writing that is organized by the action, the narrative of thought, and the dialogue of the characters to the artful pattern of plot (Abrams 286). The term novel is derived from Italian word '*novella*' which means 'tale' or 'piece of news' (Cuddon 560). It is a narrative writing which includes characters, actions, incidents, and plot (561). Novel can be defined as an extended narrative that tells the dramatize story of human experience or individual character. Thus, novel is an artful work which contains plot, character, setting, theme, and others.

In this study, the researcher is using one of the novel from an author named Sidney Sheldon. Sheldon was born in Chicago during the Great Depression on February 11th, 1917. He was known as an author with crime fiction genre. Most of his works is come with woman as the main character. As what was reported on *hachettebookgroup.com*, in his interview, Sheldon said that the reason

1.4 Scope and Limitation

To get a focuses discussion, this study will be limited on the novel written by Sidney Sheldon entitled *If Tomorrow Comes*. It focuses on the characterization and the life of Tracy Whitney as the main character in *If Tomorrow Comes*.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This study is expected to give valuable contribution in both theoretical and practical. Theoretically, this study will enrich the readers' knowledge in the literary theory which is related to absurdism. It will also help the readers, especially those who have interest in literature, to get the description of what absurdism is and how it applied in the literary work.

Practically, it is hoped that this study can be used as a helpful reference for other researchers who want to analyze using the same novel or other novel using absurdism theory. While for common readers, this study is hoped to help them understand how the absurdity in life is.

1.6 Method of the Study

In this section, the researcher discussed on how the data were collected and how the analysis will be conducted. This study applies qualitative methodology and uses library research. The qualitative methodology means that the analysis will be presented in descriptive way. While the library research means that this study is using books, journals, articles, and undergraduate theses which are related to the subject matter that will be analyzed. The main source for the analysis is the novel from Sidney Sheldon entitled *If Tomorrow Comes* that is

