

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Human is created differently from other God's creatures. They have been created as the perfect creature by God. Paula J.C. said in her book *Human Development* that human is creature who frees to choose meaning in every situation, taking responsibility for every decision in a sustainable manner, and was involved in drawing the pattern of relationships with others (50). Therefore, they have many abilities to choose something appropriate to their life, because they are given some abilities from God. One of the human's abilities is described to their relation with others. The relation to each other is needed in the life of a human who lives in the real world. The relation itself is divided into the smaller side that is family and the biggest side that is social community.

In a social relation, we often hear and say about friendship. There is no one who can live alone in this world. Everyone need friends. Friendship is naturally built among several people who know and understand each others. In the book of *Love, Friendship, and the Self*, Bennet W. Helm said that friendships are relationships that essentially involve considerably more intimacy than is apparent just by considering the loving attitudes that ground them (205). In this context, She also argue more strongly that making sense of friendship requires postulating cares and even values that belong not simply to the one friend or the other but

Felix dies, he doesnot know what to do because he always looked up to style ofFelix's life. Sam is puzzled by the sadness and writes in his book that everyone should have been happy and making jokes and Felix should have worn his favorite top. Having said, that he told in his book he wanted to make sure no one would do that at his funeral.

There are some reasons, why the researcher is interested to analyze Sally Nichols's *Ways to Live Forever* novel. They are; First, although the author talked about death in *Ways to Live Forever* as the central theme, she also talked about psychology of character in children's area. Especially in main character's behavior, Sam McQueen. There is the indication of psychology behavior in this novel. It can found in the friendship condition between Sam with Felix. In this story, Felix is described as stimulation to change Sam's character. It also refers to the theory for analysis later. The second, the researcher taken this novel because the whole of story contained is hilarious, imaginative, poignant and inspiring. The third is the words and the sentences in this novel are easier to understand, lightweight and worth reading, but remains contained of moral values. Based on those reasons, the researcher becomes curious and interested to apply the appropriate theories with the topic analysis.

Through the discussion above, Then, the researcher also uses New Criticism as main theory and concept of friendship from Aristotle to describes the friendship between Sam and Felix in this research. Then, the researcher wants to analyze the

