CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

4.1 Conclusion of Analysis

This conclusion is based on the analysis to answer theresearch questions.

The first is about the characterization of Sam Oliver McQueen before he meets Felix in novel Ways to Live Forever. The second is description of friendship between Sam Oliver McQueen and Felix in novel Ways to Live Forever. The second about the effect of friendship between Sam Oliver McQueen and Felix toward Sam's characterin novel Ways to Live Forever. Then, the researcher concluded that there are two points which be appropriate with research problems. The first point is discuss about the characterization of Sam before meets Felix in this novel. it can be explained in the following points:

- Sam is characterized as an eleven years old boy who got leukemia since he was six years old. In this condition, Sam must adapt with his condition and also his environment.
- 2.) Heis told as a quite boy like with his father's character.
- He has some briliants dreams in his life before he died. He only writes his dreams into a diary.

Those all points making him bored. It was concluded that Sam needs an external stimulation to help his dreams comes true. Then, he meets Felix Stranger at the hospital. Felix is characterized as thirteen years old boy who older than Sam. He also got the same cancer like Sam. Felix's character is very opposite to Sam's

character. Felix is a brave boy who has many ideas about the new and absurd things. He thinks that there is nothing impossible in his life, if he wants to try it.

Because of Felix's personality, Sam decided to get friendship with Felix Stranger.

As a result, in this story Felix gives theinfluences toward Sam's character in the next.

The secondpoint is about the description of friendship between Sam McQueen and Felix Stranger. Based on concept of friendship from Aristotle, the researcher concluded that the friendship between Sam and Felix is a friendship based on goodness. The characteristic of their friendship is clasiffied into the characteristic based on goodness as follows:

- 1) They have benefit to one another, which can be seen from their actions to help each other in every problem and situation. Sam helps Felix to get cigarettes the first time they met at hospital, then Felix help Sam to be a common teenager just like Sam's dream list.
- 2) Their friendship is pleasant to one another. This is described when they tried to do some crazy things from Sam's list. Here, Sam and Felix please one another by having their togetherness.
- Care to one another unconditionally. It can be found when Sam is very care with Felix's condition in the hospital without care with his condition. He faces of himselfto still go to the hospital to meet his best friend, Felix.

Indirectly, based on those points, their frienship has revealed some functions refered to Gottman and Parker (130-131), those functions are: Companionship,

Stimulation, Physical support, Ego support, Social comparison and Intimacy or affection.

In the third point, the researcher found some effects from their friendship toward the character of Sam. In this story, Sam always spends his time with Felix. So, the researcher concluded that Felix is a dominant stimulus for Sam's life. In the story, Felix gave five effects. They are divided into two positives effects and three negatives effects to Sam. The positive effects are: Sam becomes a cheerful and brave person, then the negative effects are: Sam becomes an impolite, angry, and quitter person.

4.2 Suggestion

There are many aspects which can be discussed in the Sally Nicholls's *Ways* to Live Forever is very interesting. In this novel the researcher found the unique friendship looked from children's area. The researcher discusses the friendship between two characters, Sam Oliver McQueen and Felix Stranger. However, their personalities are told opposite each other. From their friendship, Felix give some effects toward Sam's character.

The researcher suggest the other issues which can be discuss by the future researchers who want to take Sally Nicholls's *Ways to Live Forever* as the object of the study. The first isthe discussion of psychological aspectby Sam and Felix's perspective toward their death, since the theme of this novel is talk about death. The second is the discussion of aspect social reflected on Sam and his environment, since in this novel also talk about the family and the role of his parents on Sam's development character.

