ABSTRACT

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In this thesis, the writer analyses Danielle Steel's *Lightning* novel .The study focuses on main character that is Alex Parker and her stuggle to face her life by suffering breast cancer and her husband's betrayal. The aim from the thesis is to describe Alex Parker's character in novel Lightning and show Alex Parker's struggle to meet her needs based on Abraham Maslow Hiearchy of Humans Needs theory. Since studying on the character, this thesis basically use character and characterization analysis. Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs theory is also used by the writer as the main theory. This theory consists of five stages: the first is physiological needs, he second is safety needs and the security needs, the third is love and belongingness needs, the four is self esteem needs and the last is self- actualization needs. The result Alex Parker is managed to struggle through several stages to deal with her problem. The first is the betrayal from her husband that can be resolved when she gets better lover. The second is she recovered from her breast cancer. In conclution, Alex Parker can fulfil her need until the higher need that is self – actualization.

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INTISARI

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Penelitian ini menganalisis novel Danielle Steel yang berjudul *Lightning*. Penelitian ini fokus pada perjuangan yang dihadapi oleh tokoh utama yang menderita kangker payudara dan penghiatan suaminya. Tujuan penelitian ini untuk mendeskripsikan karakterdan pejuangan Alex Parker berdasarkan teori kebutuhan manusia Abraham Maslow. Pada dasarnya penenelitian ini menjelaskan tentang karakter tokoh dan penggambaran tokoh utama pada novel *Lightning.* Teori kebutuhan manusia menjadi teori utama di penelitian ini. Teori ini terdiri dari lima tahap yaitu yang pertama kebutuhan psikologi, yang kedua kebutuhan rasa aman, yang ketiga kebutuhan ingin dicintai, yang ke empat kebutuhan penghargaan diri dan yang terakhir adalah kebutuhan aktualisasi diri.

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