Chapter III

Description

The novel that is taken to be studied in this research is *My Sunshine*, a novel by Catherine Anderson. She is an American best-selling writer of historical and contemporary romance novel since 1988. Catherine Anderson's first published books were romance category, under the Harlequin Intrigue romantic suspense line. Her subsequent single-title work has alternate between contemporary and historical romances.

3.1 Characterization

Based on the categories of the characters presented in the previous chapter before, the writer specifies the discussion of the characters on the main characters of the novel chosen. There are two main characters in the novel chosen by the writer; they are Isaiah Courter and Laura Townsend. However, to make the discussion meet to the objective of the study, the writer will not discuss both of the main characters. The writer prefers to discuss about Laura's character, the second main character of the story. Both Isaiah and Laura are the main characters; they are the major character in the novel because both of them are vital to the development and resolution of the conflict.

In terms of physical appearance, Laura is described as a pretty girl with a good looking face, slim body, and long hair. In terms of personality, Laura is described as an enthusiastic girl, hard worker, kind, and charitable. Therefore, the writer concludes that Laura is characterized as an attractive girl in *My Sunshine* novel by Catherine Anderson.

3.1.1 Physical Traits of Laura

Laura is a beautiful girl. It is clearly described by the author. The following evidence also shows Laura's beauty, which is the author narration toward Laura's physical appearance.

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His stomach growled. He could only hope Laura didn't hear the rumble, for in that moment he wasn't sure what appealed to his senses more, the smells or the woman. She wore a red gingham bib apron over a red knit top and smug blue jeans. As he trailed his gaze downward, he noticed that her feet were bare. Normally he wasn't into feet, but hers were small, delicately made, and oddly cute, the tips of her toes as pink as rose petals (My Sunshine: Chapter 2:27).

Here are some evidences that support the writer argument related to the Laura's characterization in *My Sunshine* novel by Catherine Anderson. The first evidence is about the physical traits of Laura, which is described as a pretty and

good-looking girl. The evidences below are the characterization of Laura, which is explain by other character.

Mary smiled. "Laura is her granddaughter. She is a lovely, sweet girl. Almost every day she comes by to see Etta while she's out walking the dogs" (My Sunshine: page 6).

The corners of Mary's mouth tightened. "Laura is such a pretty girl and sweet as can be. Her life would be so much fuller if she had a regular job and could meet people her own age" (My Sunshine: page 6).

"League," Etta supplied. "And that is pure nonsense. You are an intelligent, beaut ful young woman. You have a lot to ofer any man, Isaiah Coulter included" (My Sunshine Chapter 2:22).

In terms of physical appearance, the author makes Laura to be the most beautiful creature in the novel. Although there are some women as the characters in the novel, Laura is the most beautiful, pretty, and sweet girl. In fact, the reader will forget that Laura has a brain damage because she is depicted as almost has no weaknesses. Even, the author also tries to make Laura becomes a very attractive girl by featuring her with some good personality such as; enthusiastic, hard worker, kind, and charitable.

Besides Laura has a beautiful face, Laura also depicted as a girl with perfectly good looking lips, hair, and eyes.

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Laura also described as a charitable girl. She cares to the other people and do love to the animals as if she dedicated her life to do good things for both people and animal. Here are some evidences that prove the writer arguments. The evidence when Laura to help a puppy in the middle of the highway:

"Laura!" he yelled again when his boots finally connected with the slush covered pavement. Through the down fall cf snow flakes, he glimpsed the shimmer cf her golden hair. Damn. She was jogging right up the center of the street, heedless of the automobiles that braked and fishtailed to avoid hitting her. "Have you lost your mind? Get back here!" (My Sunshine Chapter 10:132).
....... By the time he arrived at his destination, the cars going in both directions had come to a dead halt, and Laura was scooping an oversize puppy into her arms (My Sunshine Chapter 10:132).

"What the hell are you trying to do, kill yourse f?" he cried.

"Oh, Isaiah, isn't he sweet?"

Laura was nose-to-nose with the puppy. Before Isaiah could reply that the dog was the homeliest critter he'd ever clapped eyes on, she was making kiss-kiss noises (My Sunshine Chapter 10:132).

"Are you out of your mind?" he cried again.

She gave him a wide-eyed, incredulous look. "He was about to get run over. I had to save him" (My Sunshine Chapter 10:132).

The drivers of the cars backed up in both directions, bumper to bumper, were starting to blow their horns. Isaiah grasped Laura's arm. "We've got to get back in the Hummer. We're blocking trofic" (My Sunshine Chapter 10:132).

Another good personality given by the author to Laura is hard worker and enthusiastic. Although Laura suffered from a terrible brain damage called *aphasia*, the reader will forget about it because Laura does everything almost perfectly. She is a good kennel keeper, she is good in cooking, she is good in room decorating, and she always goes to work earlier and went home late. The following evidences will prove the writer's argument above: