ABSTRACT

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This thesis attempts to analyze Nicholas Sparks's novel entitled *Dear John*. This novel tells about Savannah who sacrifices her love and life for helping others. This thesis focuses on analyzing Savannah's character who decides to sacrifice herself. The aims of this thesis are to reveal the sacrifice that portrayed in the story and to know the effect of sacrifice to herself. Dealing with the focus of the study above, this study uses psychoanalysis theory to reveal Savannah's sacrifice and it is supported by new criticism theory to get profound knowledge about Savannah's character. The result of this study shows that Savannah is a kind and beautiful girl who cares other people around her. She decides to sacrifice her love to marry Tim because he really needs her help. She also sacrifices her life to help others in working at developmental evaluation center and giving therapy for autistic kids. She has to do the sacrifice because Tim was infected cancer. Besides that, she was starting to get used to drink wine or some kinds of liquor. Savannah felt unhappy with all happening in her life. She never expects that her life will be like this.

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