

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Literature is an imaginative fiction or just a fact (Eagleton 2). From that statement, literature is an imaginative creation that is created from the imagination of authors, but the reality that occurs in their lives also can be taken as plot elements of literary work. It means that, in literary work the author artistically reports his experiences. He can express his interesting experience into literary works through the combination of words.

In line with explanation above, literature is also defined as an expression of imaginative and artistic fact such as life manifestation of human and society through language as medium. Literature can also give positive effect to human life. The way an author presents the stories through diction and language choice used would make people more interested in literary works. Literary work that is adopted from an experience and reality that we see in our life will give deep impression for human who read it. Therefore, a literary work always provides a message and moral value which gives positive effect for the reader.

Literary works consist of nonfiction and fiction works. Nonfiction works are written form that relates to the fact and based on real events. Gutkind says that the categories of nonfiction works consists of announcement, speech text, reports, journals, biography, scientific articles, etc. (qtd. in Andriani 1). Those kinds of nonfiction works do not relate to the imagination of the author. The opposite of

nonfiction is fiction works. According to Nurgiyantoro in his book, fiction works relate to imagination, invention, something unreal, and it does not happen because of real condition and unnecessary for searching the truth (3). Therefore, all of the events, settings, and characters in the story are imaginative.

In connection with statement above, there are many kinds of literary works, such as drama, novel, short story and poetry. Edgar and Henry said that literature maybe classified into four categories: prose fiction, drama, nonfiction prose, and poetry (qtd. in Wigayanti 1). Furthermore, each of literary work presents in different features and specific characteristics. For example, the differences of prose, poetry, and drama; prose is written in paragraph form, poetry is structured in stanzas and rhyme, and drama included the names before each line of the dialogue and arranges in scene and acts (Kirkland 43). Hence, the characteristics can be used to make easier in distinguishing the genre of literary works.

One of literary works is a novel. The word novel is derived from Italian that is “novella” (Nurgiyantoro 9). The novel has become an increasingly popular fiction since the early eighteen century. According to Eagleton, novel is a piece of prose fiction of a reasonable length (1). Novel is a long narrative that created from people’s imagination which describes the real life. The reader can find poetry and dramatic dialogue in the novel, along with epic, pastoral, satire, history, elegy, tragedy and any number of other literary modes (Eagleton 1). Novel can cover all forms of literary works. Therefore, by reading novel everybody will get much knowledge, different experiences, and entertainment for their emotional needs.

As one of great novels, *Return to Opal Reach* was published in 1998. It is a romantic novel written by Clarissa Garland. Clarissa Garland was born in 1939, in New Zealand. She is a popular New Zealand writer of over 75 romance novels since 1977. She decides to be a writer when she was eight years old and won her first literary prize for a school essay. She has more than fifty length contemporary and regency romances published with several publishers under others' names. Her short stories, poetry, and articles were published in New Zealand, Australia, Britain, and North America. Some of her literary works have won literary award, and one of those is *Return to Opal Reach*.

Return to Opal Reach tells about a beautiful Australian model who works at the international modeling circuit, Skye Taylor. Because of her sweetness, many men fall in love with her. However, something inside her heart always persuades her to reject their affection. One night, at a charity ball in Sydney, she met a man. He is Jarrah Kaine, a cattle baron. Before that night, she is never so instantly and strongly attracted to a man, as she does to Jarrah Kaine. Jarrah is different from the men who ever come in her glossy world. She falls in love to Jarrah and suddenly they get married.

Skye does not believe in Jarrah's feeling to her. She decides to work far away to take herself away from Jarrah. After several weeks, she returns to meet Jarrah and tell him something about their relationship. She wants to tell him that she is going to have his baby. Finally, Jarrah asks her to marry him and takes her to live at Opal Reach, his family ranch. With the baby coming soon, the differences in their life and family background impede the growth of their love.

Then, a tragedy tears happen on their relationship. Skye, who formerly loves Jarrah very much, suddenly hate him. She decides to leave him and life alone far away from him.

Clarissa takes love as the theme of this novel. It has been known that love is a universal theme. Every inch of human's life will not be apart from love, whether love from human to human, from human to nature, animal, and plants (qtd. in Wigayanti 17). Love is important part in human life, people cannot life without love. People's life will go better when they love each other. Because of that, love becomes something unique and interesting to be discussed.

In this novel, the interesting part is Skye's romance relationship with Jarrah. Skye as an international model who admired because of her beauty had attracted some people, especially Jarrah. Skye presumes that Jarrah does not actually love her. Jarrah only wants her body to satisfy his sexual desire. Moreover, after Skye get pregnant and she asks for Jarrah's responsibility. Jarrah seems does not confess and not sure that the baby inside her body is his. This part which causes Skye's attitude change toward Jarrah which is planned to be analyzed. It is known that Skye Taylor is a person who has negative thought to her husband. Her negative thought influence her attitude. Moreover, her love changes to hostility into her husband, even though at the end of the story Jarrah successful to convince Skye that he truly love her.

Considering the explanation above, this study uses a novel written by Clarissa Garland entitled *Return to Opal Reach*, 1998 as data source. This study

analyzes Skye Taylor and her characterization, as the main character in this novel. This research focuses on Skye's attitude change toward his husband, Jarrah Kaine.

The changes of attitudes founded in *Return to Opal Reach* symbolize emotion and psychological condition. An attitude change becomes one example of psychological problem. Attitude is the most different and indispensable concept in contemporary social psychology (Allport 59). Attitude as an important thing that influences humans' emotion and behavior becomes the most significant concept since behavior becomes one of psychological study. Psychological problem often occurred in the characters of the works, including in novel, for instance, sadness, happiness, depression, etc. There may be many motives, impulses and desires that underlie someone to behave normally or abnormally.

Hence, for that reason, this study uses psychoanalysis approach proposed by Sigmund Freud. Psychoanalysis is a theory about personality structure of human personality; there are three kinds that grows chronologically: Id, ego and superego (Ewen 6).

B. Statement of Problem

Based on the background of the study above, the problems of research will be formulated as follows:

1. How is Skye described in the novel?
2. What are the factors that influence Skye's attitude change?

2. Data Collection

The data becomes the most important aspects in conducting a research, therefore it must be collected effectively. The data collection technique is one of the research methods parts that will explain how the data are collected to support the research. In collecting data for the research which based on the qualitative method, the steps of data collection are:

- a. Preparing the novel entitled *Return to Opal Reach* as the main data.
- b. Collecting the data from the novel by reading comprehensively to get the accurate data.
- c. Selecting related references that can support the research data.

3. Data Analysis

The data that have been collected will be analyzed using literary theory. The analysis data will involve some steps, those are:

- a. Rereading the novel many times to get the best understanding on the whole story.
- b. Selecting and collecting the narration and conversation from the novel that are related to the problem.
- c. Classifying the data based on the objectives of study.
- d. Analyzing the collected data based on the theory and concept in theoretical framework.
- e. Drawing conclusion based on the result of data analysis.

