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This research aims to explore Iris' struggle to reach her dream issue in *Red At The Bone* novel by Jacqueline Woodson. In the story, Iris is the mother of Melody, who left her child and family to reach her dream of achieving a bachelor's degree. This research has two research questions: (I) What factors make Iris want to reach her dream? (II) What are Iris' make decision after reaching her dream? To answer the research questions, the researcher uses the original text of *Red At The Bone* novel and journal articles.

This research uses a descriptive-qualitative approach to analyze Iris' struggle issue. The researcher applies this method to the conversations and events in *Red At The Bone's* novel. The researcher also uses this approach to describe how Iris overcomes her struggle and achieves her dream.

This research uses the psychoanalysis theory of Sigmund Freud to reveal the issue of Iris' struggle. Iris was pregnant during her high school days with her boyfriend, Aubrey. However, Iris did not want to abort her pregnancy. Although Iris gave birth to Melody, Iris did not give up her dream of achieving a bachelor's degree. Iris's actions in achieving her bachelor's degree are driven by several factors, which are her ambition, her family's support, and her economic condition. Each factor leads to each own struggle. Moreover, Iris has another dream, which is to become an excellent mother. Therefore, Iris decided to return home after finishing her college. In addition, Iris represents an oppressed desire because of society's expectations.

Keywords: struggle, dream, personality, psychoanalysis

ABSTRAK

Agung, A. (2024). *Perjuangan Iris Mencapai Impianya dalam Novel Red At The Bone karya Jacqueline Woodson.* Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Adab dan Humaniora, UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Pembimbing: (I) Itsna Syahadatud Dinurriyah, MA (II) Dr. Abu Fanani, SS, M.Pd

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengeksplorasi perjuangan Iris dalam mencapai impian dalam novel *Red At The Bone* karya Jacqueline Woodson. Dalam cerita tersebut, Iris adalah ibu dari Melody, yang meninggalkan anak dan keluarganya untuk mencapai impian mendapatkan gelar sarjana. Penelitian ini memiliki dua pertanyaan penelitian: (I) Faktor-faktor apa yang membuat Iris ingin mencapai mimpiinya? (II) Apa keputusan Iris setelah mencapai mimpiinya? Untuk menjawab pertanyaan penelitian, peneliti menggunakan teks asli novel *Red At The Bone* dan artikel jurnal.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif-kualitatif untuk menganalisis masalah perjuangan Iris. Peneliti menerapkan metode ini pada percakapan dan peristiwa dalam novel *Red At The Bone*. Peneliti juga menggunakan pendekatan ini untuk menjelaskan bagaimana Iris mengatasi perjuangannya dan mencapai mimpiinya.

Penelitian ini menggunakan teori psikoanalisis Sigmund Freud untuk mengungkapkan masalah perjuangan Iris. Iris hamil saat masih SMA dengan pacarnya, Aubrey. Namun, Iris tidak ingin menggugurkan kehamilannya. Meskipun Iris melahirkan Melody, Iris tidak menyerah pada impian untuk mendapatkan gelar sarjana. Tindakan Iris dalam mencapai gelar sarjana dipengaruhi oleh beberapa faktor, yaitu ambisinya, dukungan keluarganya, dan kondisi ekonominya. Setiap faktor menyebabkan perjuangan masing-masing. Selain itu, Iris memiliki impian lain, yaitu menjadi ibu yang baik. Oleh karena itu, Iris memutuskan untuk kembali ke rumah setelah menyelesaikan kuliahnya. Selain itu, Iris merupakan representasi dari keinginan yang tertandas karena harapan masyarakat.

Keywords: perjuangan, impian, psikoanalisis

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