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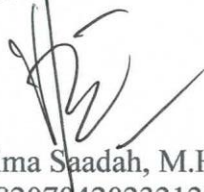
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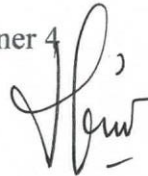
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The study aims at examining the main character's development in *The Beauty of Your Face* novel. The study examines Afaf Rahman, the main character of the novel. There are two research problems in this study: (1) How is Afaf Rahman's character development depicted through the novel? And (2) What are the factors causing the character development?

This study uses qualitative approach in relation to the use of clear and systematic description. This study also applies descriptive study in textual analysis to analyze narrator's narration of the main character throughout the novel. The data are collected by copying notable narration and conversation in the novel. The analysis is conducted by identifying important events, conversation, and actions that is done or experienced by the main character that leads to the development of the character. The analysis also compiles a list of factors that causes the character development.

This study uncovers that Afaf Rahman's character development goes through tumultuous process. Afaf's parents' negligence and her surroundings' refusal to accept her leads to Afaf's rowdy teenage years. Afaf's life improves when she discovered Islam through her father. She feels accepted by the Muslim community and feels deserving of a salvation. Afaf decides to devote herself to Islam, wearing hijab and doing charity work. In the Muslim community, she meets her husband who gives her the feeling of being needed for the first time. She then become the principal of Nurrideen School for Girls. Unfortunately, one day a school shooter attacks the school. Afaf confronts the shooter and got shot. Fortunately, she survived. The attack gave her trauma. Nevertheless, she keeps her faith in Islam. The study also reveals several factors that lead Afaf's character development, namely: Afaf's parents' negligence, treatment from her community, Afaf's discovery of Islam through her father, Afaf's devotion to Islam, and the school shooting incident.

Keywords: Character, character development.

ABSTRAK

Prabowo, A. R. 2025. *Perkembangan Karakter Afaf Rachman dalam Novel The Beauty of Your Face Karya Sahar Mustafah*. Program Studi Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Adab dan Humaniora, UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Pembimbing: (I) Sufi Ikrima Saadah, M.Hum., (II) Ramadhina Ulfa Nuristama, M.A.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji perkembangan karakter tokoh utama dalam novel 'The Beauty of Your Face'. Afaf Rahman merupakan tokoh utama yang akan diteliti dalam penelitian ini. Ada dua rumusan masalah dalam penelitian ini: (1) Bagaimana perkembangan karakter Afaf Rahman digambarkan melalui novel tersebut? dan (2) Apa saja faktor yang menyebabkan perkembangan karakter tersebut?

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif dengan menggunakan deskripsi yang jelas dan sistematis. Penelitian deskriptif dalam analisis tekstual diterapkan dalam penelitian ini untuk menganalisis narasi narator terhadap tokoh utama di seluruh novel. Data dikumpulkan dengan cara menyalin narasi dan percakapan penting dalam novel. Analisis dilakukan dengan mengidentifikasi peristiwa penting, percakapan, dan tindakan yang dilakukan atau dialami oleh tokoh utama yang mengarah pada pengembangan karakter. Proses analisis juga menyusun daftar faktor yang menyebabkan perkembangan karakter.

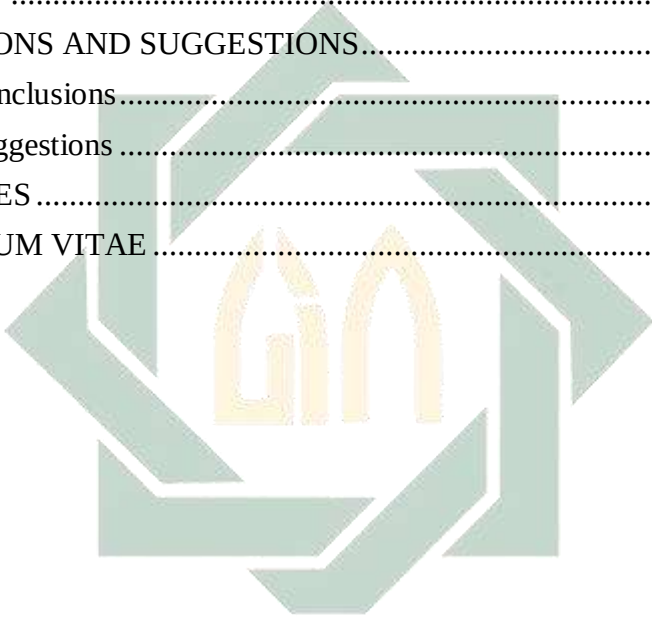
Penelitian ini mengungkap bahwa perkembangan karakter Afaf Rahman melalui proses yang penuh gejolak. Kelalaian orang tua Afaf dan penolakan lingkungan sekitarnya menyebabkan kenakalannya di masa remaja. Kehidupan Afaf membaik ketika ia menemukan Islam melalui ayahnya. Ia merasa diterima oleh komunitas Muslim dan merasa layak untuk diselamatkan. Afaf memutuskan untuk mengabdikan dirinya kepada Islam, mengenakan jilbab dan melakukan pekerjaan amal. Di komunitas Muslim, ia bertemu dengan suaminya yang memberinya perasaan dibutuhkan untuk pertama kalinya. Ia kemudian menjadi kepala sekolah Nurrideen School for Girls. Sayangnya, suatu hari seorang penembak sekolah menyerang sekolah tersebut. Afaf menghadapi penembak itu dan tertembak. Untungnya, ia selamat. Serangan itu memberinya trauma. Meskipun demikian, ia tetap memegang keimanannya kepada Islam. Penelitian ini juga mengungkap beberapa faktor yang menyebabkan perkembangan karakter Afaf, yaitu: kelalaian orang tua Afaf, perlakuan dari komunitasnya, penemuan Islam Afaf melalui ayahnya, pengabdian Afaf kepada Islam, dan insiden penembakan di sekolah.

Kata Kunci: Character, character development.

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