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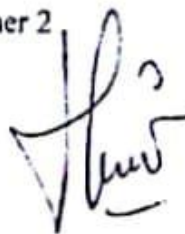
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## ABSTRACT

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The study is aimed at investigating the dynamics of friendship between Nella and Eliza in *The Lost Apothecary* novel by Sarah Penner. The novel portrays a friendship between two characters with different backgrounds and a significant age gap, in which the dynamics of their relationship influence the development of each character. There are three problems to be solved in this study, namely: (1) how the friendship dynamics between Nella and Eliza are depicted in Sarah Penner's *The Lost Apothecary*, and (2) how the friendship dynamics affect the character development of Nella and Eliza in Sarah Penner's *The Lost Apothecary*.

This study uses qualitative approach in relation to the use of clear and systematic description about the phenomena being studied. Descriptive study in textual analysis was applied in this study to analyze the intrinsic elements of the novel. The data were collected through close reading of the text, particularly focusing on dialogues, narration, and interactions between the characters. The collected data are then analyzed by identifying the forms of friendship relationships and the character development experienced by the main characters based on the New Criticism approach. The analysis was continued by identifying the dynamics of friendship presented in the novel. Finally, the reasons behind the emergence of these dynamics are examined by considering the context of events, character interactions, and situations that shape character development in the story.

This study reveals that the friendship dynamics between Nella and Eliza are reflected through support, trust, conflict, and changes in attitude. These relationships significantly influence the development of both characters. Through their interactions and shared experiences, Nella and Eliza undergo changes in their ways of thinking, attitudes, and decision-making processes. The age gap between the two characters also contributes to their character development. This study concludes that friendship in *The Lost Apothecary* not only functions as a narrative element but also serves as a major factor in shaping the characters' development gradually through a series of events they experience together.

**Keywords:** friendship, age gap, apothecary

## ABSTRAK

Ardiansyah, (2026). *Dinamika Persahabatan Eliza dan Nella dalam Novel The Lost Apothecary Karya Sarah Penner*. Program Studi Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Adab dan Humaniora, UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Pembimbing: (I) Sufi Ikrima Saadah, M.Hum., (II) Itsna Syahadatud Dinurriyah, MA.

Penelitian bertujuan untuk meneliti dinamika persahabatan antara tokoh Nella dan Eliza dalam novel *The Lost Apothecary* karya Sarah Penner. Novel ini menceritakan tentang hubungan persahabatan antara dua tokoh dengan latar belakang dan perbedaan usia yang signifikan, di mana dinamika hubungan tersebut memengaruhi perkembangan karakter masing-masing tokoh. Karena itulah dalam studi ini penulis akan menjawab rumusan masalah dalam penelitian ini yaitu (1) bagaimana dinamika persahabatan antara Nella dan Eliza digambarkan dalam novel *The Lost Apothecary* karya Sarah Penner, dan (2) bagaimana dinamika persahabatan tersebut memengaruhi perkembangan karakter kedua tokoh dalam novel *The Lost Apothecary* karya Sarah Penner.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif untuk mendapat deskripsi yang jelas dan sistematis tentang fenomena yang sedang dipelajari. Studi deskriptif dalam analisis tekstual diterapkan dalam penelitian ini untuk menganalisis unsur intrinsik dalam novel. Data dikumpulkan melalui pembacaan dekat (*close reading*) terhadap teks novel, khususnya pada dialog, narasi, dan interaksi antartokoh. Data yang telah dikumpulkan kemudian dianalisis dengan mengidentifikasi bentuk-bentuk hubungan persahabatan serta perubahan karakter yang dialami oleh tokoh utama berdasarkan pendekatan New Criticism. Analisis dilanjutkan dengan mengidentifikasi dinamika persahabatan yang ditampilkan oleh tokoh-tokoh dalam novel. Akhirnya, alasan munculnya dinamika tersebut dianalisis dengan mempertimbangkan konteks peristiwa, interaksi antartokoh, serta situasi yang membentuk perkembangan karakter dalam cerita.

Hasil studi menunjukkan bahwa dinamika persahabatan antara Nella dan Eliza ditunjukkan melalui bentuk dukungan, kepercayaan, konflik, dan perubahan sikap. Hubungan tersebut memberikan pengaruh yang signifikan terhadap perkembangan karakter kedua tokoh. Melalui interaksi dan pengalaman bersama, Nella dan Eliza mengalami perubahan dalam cara berpikir, sikap, serta pengambilan keputusan. Perbedaan usia yang cukup jauh juga turut memengaruhi proses perkembangan karakter kedua tokoh. Penelitian ini menyimpulkan bahwa persahabatan dalam novel *The Lost Apothecary* tidak hanya berfungsi sebagai unsur cerita, tetapi juga menjadi faktor utama dalam membentuk perkembangan karakter tokoh secara bertahap melalui rangkaian peristiwa yang mereka alami bersama.

**Kata Kunci:** persahabatan, perbedaan usia, apotek

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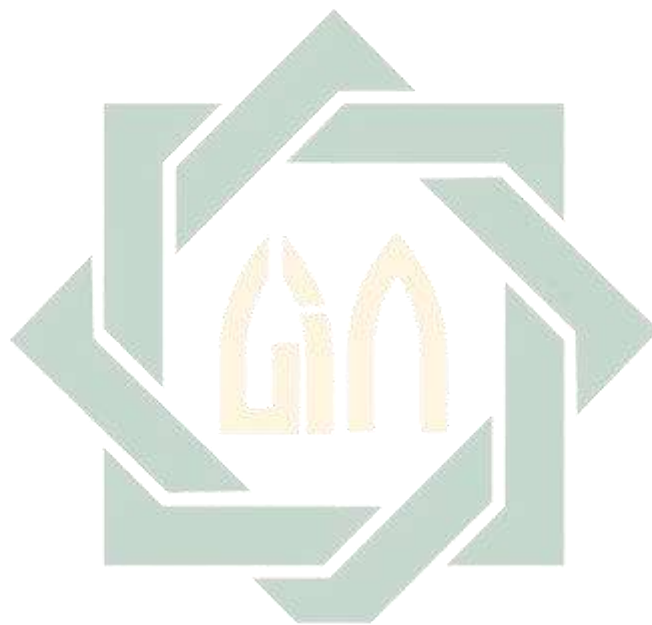
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