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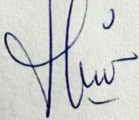
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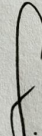
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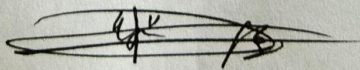
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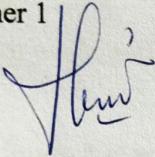
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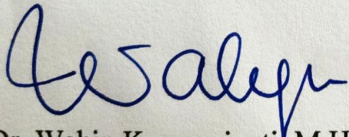
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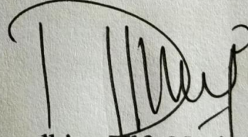
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ABSTRACT

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In this thesis, the researcher discusses the two main characters, Holly and Greg, in the novel *Thirteen-year Crush* by Jess Jefferies. The aim of this study is to analyze the romantic relationship between the two protagonists, Holly and Greg. The novel employs the narrative technique of multiple points of view (multiple POV), which enables the researcher to also examine how their romantic relationship develops through the differing perspectives of each main character. Accordingly, this research addresses the following questions: (1) How are Holly and Greg characterized in *Thirteen-year Crush* by Jess Jefferies (2) How do Holly and Greg perceive their romantic relationship.

This study applies the theory of New Criticism to analyze characterization and plot within the novel. A qualitative descriptive method is used, primarily employing the library research approach. The researcher collects data from various sources, including journal articles, books, and theses. The data are selected and organized according to the research topic. The analysis involves identifying characterization and the plot of the romantic relationship through the dual perspectives of the two main characters in *Thirteen-year Crush* by Jess Jefferies.

The findings indicate that Holly's personality complements that of Greg's personality. Their differing traits create a balanced relationship, with Greg acting as a source of support and comfort for Holly, while Holly gradually learns to become more confident through Greg's presence. Furthermore, the use of multiple POV in the novel allows readers to gain a deeper understanding of each character's perspective in every conflict that arises. From Holly's point of view, Greg's presence provides her with a sense of safety and freedom she had not previously experienced. From Greg's perspective, he is always willing to act as a protector, ready to support Holly through difficult situations, demonstrating his deep sense of responsibility, affection, and care for her. Thus, this study highlights how characterization in the novel not only shapes the individual identities of the characters but also plays a crucial role in the dynamics of their relationship. In addition, the multiple POV technique proves effective in offering a deeper understanding of how each character perceives and responds to their relationship.

Keywords: characterization, Relationship, Interpersonal Relationship.

ABSTRAK

Pratiwi, S. A. 2025. *Mengeksplorasi Hubungan Romantis Melalui Perspektif Holly dan Greg dalam Thirteen-year Crush karya Jess Jefferies*. Program Studi Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Adab dan Humaniora, UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Pembimbing: (I) Itsna Syahadatud Dinurriyah, M.A., (II) Dr. Abu Fanani, SS, M.Pd.

Dalam skripsi ini, peneliti membahas tentang dua tokoh utama, Holly dan Greg, dalam novel *Thirteen-year Crush* karya Jess Jefferies. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis hubungan romantis dari kedua tokoh utama tersebut, Holly dan Greg, dalam novel tersebut. Novel ini menggunakan teknik multiple POV dalam narasinya. Sehingga peneliti juga mengkaji mengenai bagaimana hubungan romantis mereka berkembang dari masing-masing perspektif yang berbeda dari kedua tokoh utama tersebut. Sehingga dalam penelitian ini, peneliti akan menjawab rumusan masalah sebagai berikut: (1) Bagaimana karakterisasi Holly dan Greg dalam novel *Thirteen-year Crush* karya Jess Jefferies (2) Bagaimana perspektif Holly dan Greg terhadap hubungan romantis mereka.

Penelitian ini menggunakan teori New Criticism untuk menganalisis karakterisasi plot dalam novel ini. Peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif deskriptif sebagai metode dalam penelitian ini, utamanya adalah *library method*. Peneliti mengumpulkan data dari berbagai sumber diantaranya artikel jurnal, buku, dan skripsi. Peneliti memilah dan menyesuaikan dengan topik untuk mengumpulkan data, kemudian menyusunnya. Analisis tersebut melibatkan identifikasi karakterisasi dan plot hubungan romantis dari sudut pandang ganda untuk kedua tokoh utama dalam novel *Thirteen-year Crush* karya Jess Jefferies.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa karakter Holly justru berpadu dengan sifat Greg. Perbedaan kepribadian ini menciptakan keseimbangan dalam hubungan mereka, di mana Greg berperan sebagai sumber dukungan dan kenyamanan bagi Holly, sementara Holly secara perlahan belajar untuk lebih percaya diri dengan kehadiran Greg. Selain itu, teknik multiple POV dalam novel memungkinkan pembaca untuk memahami perspektif masing-masing tokoh secara lebih mendalam dalam setiap konflik yang muncul dalam novel. Dari perspektif Holly, kehadiran Greg memberikan rasa aman dan kebebasan yang sebelumnya tidak ia rasakan. Sedangkan dari perspektif Greg, Greg selalu bersedia menjadi pelindung yang siap mendukung Holly dalam situasi sulit, menunjukkan betapa besar rasa tanggung jawab, cinta, dan kepeduliannya terhadap Holly. Dengan demikian, penelitian ini menyoroti bagaimana karakterisasi dalam novel tidak hanya membentuk identitas individu tokoh tetapi juga memainkan peran penting dalam dinamika hubungan mereka. Juga, teknik multiple POV yang terbukti efektif dalam memberikan pemahaman lebih mendalam tentang bagaimana setiap karakter melihat dan merespons hubungan mereka.

Kata Kunci: karakterisasi, hubungan, hubungan antarpribadi

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