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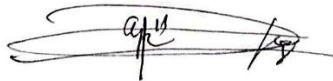
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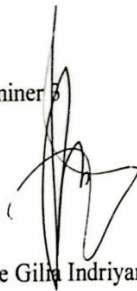
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ABSTRACT

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This study aims to analyze the motivation and process of the main character, Beth, in Kitty Johnson's *Five Winters*, in building her own family. The main focus centers on two research questions: first, why Beth desires to build her family, and second, how Beth goes about realizing her desire. The research examines Beth's inner conflict, her decisions, and the interaction between internal and external factors that influence the process.

The method used in this research is a qualitative approach using New Criticism theory, which focuses on intrinsic text analysis to identify symbolism, diction, and irony in Beth's character development. Data was obtained through in-depth reading of the *Five Winters* text and narrative analysis to reveal the emotional dynamics in Beth's journey. With this approach, this study aims to understand the psychological and social context in Beth's process of family formation.

The results showed that Beth's desire to build a family was influenced by her search for the meaning of life after a traumatic experience and the need to find identity through motherhood. The process Beth goes through, which includes adoption attempts, artificial insemination, and finally having a relationship with Mark, a childhood love she never had, reflects a complex and doubtful journey. The research found that family formation in *Five Winters* does not revolve only around physical mechanisms, but rather an intricate emotional and spiritual quest, leading to a deeper understanding of the role of family in individual identity.

Keywords: Family, Motherhood, Adoption, Artificial Insemination

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis motivasi dan proses yang ditempuh oleh tokoh utama, Beth, dalam novel *Five Winters* karya Kitty Johnson untuk membangun keluarga sendiri. Fokus utama penelitian ini berpusat pada dua pertanyaan riset: pertama, mengapa Beth memiliki keinginan untuk membangun keluarganya, dan kedua, bagaimana cara yang ditempuh Beth untuk mewujudkan keinginannya tersebut. Penelitian ini mengkaji konflik batin, keputusan-keputusan yang diambil Beth, serta interaksi antara faktor internal dan eksternal yang mempengaruhi proses tersebut.

Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah pendekatan kualitatif dengan menggunakan teori New Criticism, yang berfokus pada analisis teks intrinsik untuk mengidentifikasi simbolisme, diksi, dan ironi dalam perkembangan karakter Beth. Data diperoleh melalui pembacaan mendalam terhadap teks *Five Winters* dan analisis narasi untuk mengungkapkan dinamika emosional dalam perjalanan Beth. Dengan pendekatan ini, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memahami konteks psikologis dan sosial dalam proses pembentukan keluarga yang dialami oleh Beth.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa keinginan Beth untuk membangun sebuah keluarga dipengaruhi oleh pencariannya akan makna hidup setelah mengalami pengalaman traumatis dan kebutuhan untuk menemukan jati diri melalui peran sebagai seorang ibu. Proses yang dilalui Beth, yang meliputi upaya adopsi, inseminasi buatan, dan akhirnya menjalin hubungan dengan Mark, cinta masa kecil yang tidak pernah ia miliki, mencerminkan perjalanan yang kompleks dan penuh keraguan. Penelitian ini menemukan bahwa pembentukan keluarga dalam *Five Winters* tidak hanya berkisar pada mekanisme fisik, tetapi lebih pada pencarian emosional dan spiritual yang rumit, yang mengarah pada pemahaman yang lebih dalam tentang peran keluarga dalam identitas individu.

Kata kunci: Keluarga, Keibuan, Adopsi, Inseminasi Buatan

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