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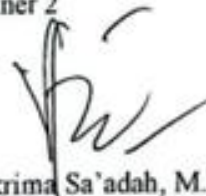
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This study examines the relationship between the two main characters, Celine and Bradley, in Talia Hibbert's novel *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute*, focusing on how their relationship reflects the romance formula. This study aims to identify the structure of the romance formula used in the novel, as well as to analyze the dynamics of the character relationships that correspond to the stages in the formula, such as meeting, conflict, resolution, and happy ending (Cawelti, 1977).

This study uses a qualitative approach with a descriptive analytical method and the popular romance formula theory as an analytical framework to analyze the plot of the relationship development between Celine and Bradley.

The results of the analysis show that Celine and Bradley's relationship consistently follows the main elements of the romance formula, which are marked by emotional conflict, the process of reconciliation, and the reaffirmation of the values of affection and trust. This study concludes that this novel not only meets the expectations of readers of the romance genre, but also offers contemporary variations that are relevant to adolescent issues and family dynamics.

Keywords: Romance Formula, Contemporary Issues, Young Adult Literature

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Penelitian ini membahas hubungan antara dua karakter utama, Celine dan Bradley, dalam novel *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute* karya Talia Hibbert, dengan fokus pada bagaimana hubungan mereka merefleksikan formula romansa. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi struktur formula romansa yang digunakan dalam novel tersebut, serta menganalisis dinamika hubungan karakter yang sesuai dengan tahapan dalam formula tersebut, seperti pertemuan, konflik, resolusi, dan akhir bahagia (Cawelti, 1977).

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif dengan metode deskriptif analitis dan teori formula romansa populer sebagai kerangka analisis untuk menganalisa plot perkembangan hubungan antara Celine dan Bradley.

Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahwa hubungan Celine dan Bradley secara konsisten mengikuti elemen-elemen utama dari formula romansa, yang ditandai dengan konflik emosional, proses rekonsiliasi, dan penegasan kembali nilai-nilai kasih sayang dan kepercayaan. Penelitian ini menyimpulkan bahwa novel ini tidak hanya memenuhi ekspektasi pembaca genre romansa, tetapi juga menawarkan variasi kontemporer yang relevan dengan isu remaja dan dinamika keluarga.

Kata Kunci: Rumus Romansa, Isu-isu Kontemporer, Sastra Dewasa Muda

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