

ABSTRACT

Dewijanti : The Analysis of the Loyalty and Personality of the protagonist in Pearl S. Buck's LETTER FROM PEKING.

The two problems which become the basis of writing this thesis are the unchanged character of the protagonist after she gets the last letter from her husband and her personality according to the author. Thus, the objectives of this study are, firstly, to discuss the character of the protagonist towards her steadfastness after she gets the last letter from her husband, and, secondly, to find the good personality of the protagonist that the author tries to reveal to us.

This thesis employs a library research to get the data, such as Buck's biography, the theory of literature, and the theory of loyalty which are needed to be stated in this thesis.

The pragmatic approach and the objective approach were employed in analyzing the novel. Firstly, because this thesis looks upon the novel as an instrument of the author for affecting the reader, and secondly, because it is the main character of Letter from Peking who is discussed.

Having analysed this novel, I come to the conclusion that we can get the essence of the novel, i.e. the power of love and loyalty can defeat all temptations. Besides that, Buck wants to emphasize that women are to be honored and appreciated as men.

This thesis has suggestions to improve students' interest in learning English through reading literary work and the implication on English learning-teaching activity.