

ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes a novel written by Ransom Riggs entitled *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. The novel discusses a literary work that depicts a young boy named Jacob Portman who deals with his own peculiarity after his grandfather's death. His love, care, and curiosity of the peculiarity brings him to a journey to find the peculiar children. His grandfather only gives Jacob Portman some clues to find his grandfather's friends in the past who also have their own peculiarities.

There are two problems analyzed in this thesis: (1) How are Jacob Portman's personalities described in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*? (2) What are the influences of Jacob Portman's personalities that are given to the peculiar children through the peculiar children's behaviors and thoughts?

In order to answer the questions, a psychological approach is used because this thesis analyzes the personality of the main character, Jacob Portman. A library method is also employed in this study. There are two sources used, namely primary and secondary sources. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* is the primary source in this study. The secondary sources are books and websites on literature and psychology.

Based on the analysis, Jacob Portman is portrayed as the major character. His personalities in the novel are described as loving and caring, peculiar, curious, and helpful. Meanwhile, Jacob Portman is described as a sixteen-year-old teenager, who has a close relationship with his grandfather. Their relationship makes Jacob Portman's parents feel worried because his grandfather always tells fancy stories of peculiar children. After his grandfather's death, Jacob Portman is diagnosed to have an acute stress because he tells the shape of the Hollows, the creature that kills his grandfather directly. He decides to go to the Welsh Island to find the peculiar children and the truth, and to understand his peculiarity. From the analysis, it is found that Jacob Portman's personalities influence the peculiar children's thoughts and behaviors. Jacob Portman influences the peculiar children through his presence in Miss Peregrine's home and tries to convince them by showing his personalities, such as loving and caring, peculiar, curious, and helpful.

Keywords: influence, personality, peculiar children

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Studi ini menganalisis sebuah novel karya Ransom Riggs, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Novel ini menceritakan kehidupan seorang anak remaja bernama Jacob Portman yang berjuang untuk memahami kemampuan istimewa yang dimilikinya. Rasa cinta, peduli, dan penasaran yang dimilikinya, membawanya dalam sebuah petualangan untuk bertemu anak-anak dengan kemampuan istimewa. Sebelum meninggal, sang kakek sempat memberikan beberapa petunjuk agar ia dapat menemukan anak-anak dengan kemampuan istimewa tersebut.

Ada dua pokok permasalahan dalam studi ini: (1) Bagaimana kepribadian Jacob Portman yang digambarkan dalam novel *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*? (2) Apa pengaruh kepribadian Jacob Portman yang diberikan kepada anak-anak istimewa terhadap perilaku dan pemikiran anak-anak istimewa?

Untuk menjawab pertanyaan-pertanyaan tersebut, pendekatan psikologi digunakan untuk membahas kepribadian tokoh utama, Jacob Portman. Studi pustaka juga diterapkan dalam studi ini. Terdapat dua sumber utama yang digunakan. Sumber pertama diperoleh dari novel *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Sedangkan sumber kedua diperoleh dari situs internet dan buku-buku yang berhubungan dengan sastra dan psikologi.

Berdasarkan hasil analisa, Jacob Portman digambarkan sebagai tokoh utama dalam novel. Kepribadian yang ia miliki adalah cinta dan peduli, *indigo*, penasaran, dan suka menolong. Di dalam novel, Jacob Portman diceritakan sebagai seorang anak remaja berusia enam belas tahun yang sangat mengidolakan sang kakek. Hubungan mereka membuat orang tuanya khawatir akan cerita imajinasi sang kakek mengenai anak-anak dengan kemampuan istimewa. Ia didiagnosa menderita *stress* akut karena makhluk yang membunuh sang kakek dianggap hanya imajinasi belaka oleh orang-orang terdekatnya. Akhirnya, Jacob Portman memutuskan untuk pergi menemui anak-anak tersebut, mencari kebenaran masa lalu sang kakek, dan mempelajari bakat yang dimilikinya. Dari hasil analisis, dapat dibuktikan bahwa kehadiran dan kepribadian Jacob Portman di rumah *Miss Peregrine* berhasil mempengaruhi dan mengubah tingkah laku dan pola pikir anak-anak istimewa. Ia juga berhasil menunjukkan bahwa kepribadian yang ia miliki adalah cinta dan peduli, *indigo*, penasaran, dan suka menolong.

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