

## ABSTRACT

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This study discusses Nicholas Sparks' novel entitled *Dear John*. The novel tells about the broken-hearted John Tyree whose love, Savannah, has married another man. Her husband needs a lot of money for his treatment. John sells his father's legacy which is in the form of coin collections, anonymously gives the money to Savannah and leaves her.

This study focuses on two problems to be solved. The first problem is to understand the characteristic description of John as seen in Nicholas Sparks' *Dear John*. The second problem is to find out the motivation of John to give away his father's legacy to Savannah.

The study applies a library research as the method in gathering the data and the psychological approach to analyze the problems of the study. The primary source of this study is Nicholas Sparks' *Dear John*. The secondary sources are some books about literature and psychology. The other secondary source also comes from the journals which are related to the analysis. The theory of characterization and the theory of personality are applied to analyze John's characteristics. Meanwhile, the theory of motivation is used to find out the John's motivation to give away his father's legacy to Savannah.

The first result was about John's characteristics description. John is an active, mature, responsible, firm and consistent person. The second result of the study was about John's motivations to give away his father's legacy. The study finds out that there are two intrinsic motivations which lead John to give away his father's legacy. The intrinsic motivations are that John wants to realize that Savannah is married woman and John wants to prove his love to Savannah.

This study provides recommendations for both future researchers who want to analyze Nicholas Sparks' *Dear John* and for English teachers who wants to use the Nicholas Sparks' *Dear John* as the teaching material. The lesson plan and material for teaching are also provided in the appendices in this paper.

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Penelitian ini membahas tentang novel Nicholas Spark yang berjudul *Dear John*. Novel ini mengisahkan tentang John Tyree yang patah hati karena cintanya, Savannah, telah menikahi pria lain. Suaminya membutuhkan banyak uang untuk biaya pengobatannya. John menjual warisannya yang berupa koleksi koin, memberikannya kepada Savannah secara diam-diam dan meninggalkannya.

Penelitian ini fokus kepada dua rumusan masalah. Masalah pertama adalah untuk mengerti deskripsi karakteristik John yang tampak pada novel karya Nicholas Sparks berjudul *Dear John*. Masalah kedua adalah untuk mengetahui motivasi John untuk memberikan warisan ayahnya kepada Savannah.

Penelitian ini mengaplikasikan penelitian pustaka sebagai metode pengumpulan data dan pendekatan psikologi untuk menganalisa rumusan masalah. Sumber utama penelitian ini adalah novel Nicholas Sparks berjudul *Dear John*. Sumber sekunder penelitian adalah buku-buku literatur dan psikologi. Jurnal-jurnal terkait dengan analisis juga digunakan sebagai sumber sekunder. Teori karakteristik dan kepribadian digunakan untuk menganalisa deskripsi karakteristik John. Sedangkan teori motivasi digunakan untuk mengetahui motivasi John untuk memberikan warisan ayahnya kepada Savannah.

Hasil analisa pertama adalah tentang deskripsi karakteristik John. John adalah orang yang aktif, dewasa, bertanggung jawab, tegas dan konsisten. Hasil analisa kedua tentang motivasi John untuk memberikan warisan ayahnya. Penelitian menemukan dua motivasi instrinsik yang memicu John untuk memberikan warisannya. Motivasi tersebut antara lain John menyadari bahwa Savannah sudah bersuami dan John ingin membuktikan cintanya kepada Savannah.

Penelitian ini memberikan rekomendasi kepada peneliti yang akan menganalisa novel Nicholas Sparks yang berjudul *Dear John* dan kepada guru Bahasa Inggris yang ingin menggunakan novel ini sebagai materi pengajaran. RPP dan materi ajar juga disediakan di dalam halaman lampiran dari tugas akhir ini.

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