

ABSTRACT

EUNIKE SET SATYARINI. **Asperger's Syndrome as Seen in Christopher Boone's Characterization in Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***. Yogyakarta: Department of English Letters, Faculty of Letters, Sanata Dharma University, 2009.

This thesis analyzed Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Haddon's novel is about a boy with Asperger's syndrome. This syndrome affect Christopher himself and how he deals with other people.

There are two points presented in Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* which become the discussion here. The writer wants to identify characterization of Christopher Boone. The next point is to see how Haddon emphasizes Asperger's syndrome through Christopher's characterization.

The method applied in this thesis is library research. The writer applies psychological approach as the approach of the thesis. Apart from that, she chooses some theories to help her analyze Haddon's novel. The theories are theory of characterization, theory of behavior, and theory of Asperger's syndrome. These three theories are the framework for the writer to analyze characterization and emphasis of Asperger's syndrome in Christopher's characterization.

From the analysis the writer finds that Christopher is both a genius and eccentric teenager who has difficulties in social interaction and deals with himself. Christopher Boone has some impairment in social skills and also has some restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behaviors and interests which are caused by his Asperger's syndrome which create disturbance in some significant area of functioning such as in social interaction and in a family.

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Skripsi ini menganalisa novel Mark Haddon yang berjudul *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Novel ini bercerita tentang seorang anak yang menderita sindrom Asperger. Sindrom ini mempengaruhi dirinya sendiri dan bagaimana ia berhubungan dengan orang lain.

Ada dua poin dalam *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* karya Mark Haddon yang menjadi bahan diskusi. Penulis ingin mengidentifikasi karakterisasi Christopher Boone. Poin selanjutnya yaitu mencari tahu bagaimana Mark Haddon menekankan adanya sindrom Asperger pada karakterisasi Christopher.

Metode yang digunakan adalah riset pustaka. Penulis mengaplikasikan pendekatan secara psikologis. Terlepas dari itu, ia memilih beberapa teori untuk membantunya menganalisa. Teori-teori tersebut adalah teori karakterisasi, teori perilaku, dan teori mengenai sindrom Asperger. Ketiga teori tersebut merupakan kerangka acuan bagi penulis untuk menganalisa karakterisasi dan bagaimana penekanan sindrom Asperger pada karakterisasi Christopher.

Dari analisa penulis menemukan bahwa Christopher Boone adalah seorang remaja yang eksentrik dan jenius yang memiliki kesulitan untuk berinteraksi dan mengatur dirinya sendiri. Christopher Boone memiliki beberapa kerusakan pada kemampuan bersosialisasi dan juga memiliki perilaku dan ketertarikan yang terbatas, berulang-ulang dan dalam bentuk-bentuk tertentu yang disebabkan oleh sindrom Asperger yang membuat adanya gangguan pada beberapa area fungsional yang penting seperti dalam berinteraksi dan dalam keluarga. merupakan gejala-gejala sindrom Asperger.