

ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes a novel entitled *Anna Dressed in Blood* written by Kendare Blake. The novel tells about Theseus Cassio Lowood, a boy who inherits a knife called “athame” from his father. He decides to become a ghost hunter after he loses his father. In his final job, instead of killing the ghost, Anna, he falls in love with her. Therefore, Cassio chooses to set Anna free from the curse.

The aim of this study is to find the meaning of Theseus Cassio Lowood’s love. There are two questions to answer, namely “How is Theseus Cassio Lowood described in the novel?” and “What is the meaning of Theseus Cassio Lowood’s love?”

The researcher uses two sources. The primary data are taken from the novel itself. The second sources are taken from related books, journal, and the internet. The characterization uses the theory of love, motivation, and critical approaches. Meanwhile, psychoanalytic approach is applied to analyze the novel.

There are two research findings. First, Theseus Cassio Lowood is skillful, adaptable, and brave. Second, the meaning of Theseus Cassio Lowood’s love is divided into two, the surface and deeper meaning. The literal meaning of Theseus Cassio Lowood’s is that she loves Anna at the first sight because of her appearance which is intimidating but beautiful like a goddess. Meanwhile, the deeper meaning of Theseus Cassio Lowood’s love is that he loses his father so that he needs someone else to love him and accept him as a ghost hunter.

There are two suggestions in this research. The first suggestion is for the future researchers. The researcher suggests that they find out about Anna Korlov’s love using the sequel novels. As for the next teachers, they are recommended to make use of the novel as one of the materials to teach Prose.

Keywords: novel, meaning, love, surface meaning, deeper meaning, characteristics

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Studi ini menganalisis sebuah novel berjudul *Anna Dressed in Blood* yang ditulis oleh Kendare Blake. Novel ini menceritakan tentang Theseus Cassio Lowood, seorang remaja laki-laki yang diwarisi sebuah pisau athame dari ayahnya. Ditugas terakhirnya, alih-alih membunuh si hantu, Anna, Cassio jatuh cinta padanya. Oleh sebab itu, Cassio memutuskan untuk membebaskan Anna dari kutukannya.

Studi ini bertujuan untuk menemukan makna cinta Theseus Cassio Lowood. Terdapat dua rumusan masalah penelitian yang akan dianalisa, yaitu: “Bagaimana Theseus Cassio Lowood dideskripsikan di dalam novel?” dan “Apa makna cinta dari Theseus Cassio Lowood?”

Penulis menggunakan dua sumber dalam studi ini. Data utama diambil dari novel itu sendiri. Sumber kedua didapatkan dari buku, jurnal, dan internet. Penentuan karakter menggunakan teori cinta, motivasi, dan pendekatan secara kritis. Sedangkan, pendekatan secara psikoanalitik digunakan untuk menganalisis novel.

Terdapat dua hasil penelitian. Pertama, Theseus Cassio Lowood adalah pribadi yang ahli dalam pekerjaannya, mudah beradaptasi, dan pemberani. Kedua, makna cinta Theseus Cassio Lowood dibagi menjadi makna harafiah dan makna mendalam. Makna harafiah dari cinta Theseus Cassio Lowood adalah dia jatuh cinta pada pandangan pertama karena Anna begitu mengintimidasi namun juga cantik seperti dewi. Sedangkan, makna mendalam dari cinta Theseus Cassio Lowood adalah Cassio kehilangan rasa kasih sayang dari ayahnya sehingga ia membutuhkan peran orang lain yang mencintainya dan menerimanya sebagai pemburu hantu.

Terdapat dua saran dalam studi ini. Saran yang pertama untuk peneliti selanjutnya. Penulis menyarankan kepada peneliti selanjutnya untuk menganalisis makna cinta dari Anna dengan menggunakan sekuel dari novel ini. Saran yang kedua ditujukan bagi dosen untuk dapat menggunakan novel ini sebagai materi mengajar Prose.

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