

ABSTRACT

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Every father has a responsibility in child rearing. Fathers are required to get involved in their children's life. One of benefits of the involved fathers is to help their children shape their personality. The importance of father's involvement towards the children's personality development itself can be seen in the novel *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* written by Benjamin Alire Sáenz.

The aim of this study is, first, to identify the characteristics of Ari and Jaime, his father. Second, it is to reveal of Jaime's involvement in Ari's life. Third, it is to examine the influence of Jaime's involvement in Ari's personality development.

The writer conducted library research method in this study. The data collected were taken from two sources. There was primary source and secondary source. The writer chose the novel entitled *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* as the primary source, whereas the writer used some relevant books, journal, and internet sources as the secondary sources. In this study, the writer applied psychological approach and theories of character and characterization, father's involvement and personality development.

Based on the analysis, the first finding shows that Ari is a loner, an observant, a reticent and a short-tempered person, whereas Jaime is a reclusive and a caring person. The second finding discloses that Jaime only contributes in Ari's life in component of the process of responsibility. As a father, Jaime is already responsible for fulfilling his son's needs such as providing a place to live and sending Ari to school. However, Jaime does not participate in the components of involving in positive activity together, giving appreciation or compliment, and participating in monitoring and decision making. The third finding denotes that the factors of significant person and strong motivation from Jaime affects Ari's personality development. Ari becomes an open person and he has good confidence in perceiving himself as a gay.

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Setiap ayah mempunyai tanggung jawab dalam pengasuhan anak. Semua ayah diminta untuk terlibat dalam kehidupan anak mereka. Salah satu keuntungan dari ayah yang terlibat adalah membantu anak mereka untuk membentuk kepribadiannya. Pentingnya keterlibatan ayah pada perkembangan kepribadian anak dapat ditemukan dalam novel berjudul *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* yang ditulis oleh Benjamin Alire Sáenz.

Adapun tujuan penelitian adalah, pertama, mengidentifikasi karakteristik Ari dan Jaime, ayahnya. Kedua, Menyingkap keterlibatan Jaime dalam hidup Ari. Ketiga, membahas pengaruh keterlibatan Jaime pada perkembangan kepribadian Ari.

Penulis menggunakan metode studi pustaka dalam penelitian. Data yang dikumpulkan berasal dari dua sumber. Sumber tersebut adalah sumber utama dan sumber penunjang. Penulis memilih novel berjudul *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* sebagai sumber utama, sedangkan penulis menggunakan beberapa buku, jurnal, dan sumber elektronik dari internet yang relevan sebagai sumber penunjang. Dalam penelitian ini, penulis menerapkan pendekatan psikologi dan teori karakter dan karakterisasi, keterlibatan ayah, dan perkembangan kepribadian.

Berdasarkan analisa, hasil pertama menunjukkan bahwa Ari merupakan seorang yang penyendiri, pengamat, tertutup dan mudah emosi sedangkan Jaime merupakan seorang yang tertutup dan peduli. Hasil kedua mengungkapkan bahwa Jaime hanya berkontribusi di kehidupan Ari dalam komponen proses tanggung jawab. Sebagai ayah, Jaime sudah bertanggung jawab untuk memenuhi kebutuhan Ari seperti menyediakan tempat tinggal dan menyekolahkan Ari. Akan tetapi, Jaime tidak berpartisipasi dalam komponen terlibat di kegiatan positif bersama, memberi apresiasi dan pujian, dan berpartisipasi dalam pengawasan dan pembuatan keputusan. Hasil analisa terakhir menyatakan bahwa faktor dari orang yang mempunyai peran penting dan motivasi yang kuat dari Jaime memengaruhi perkembangan kepribadian Ari. Ari menjadi seseorang yang terbuka dan ia mempunyai kepercayaan untuk menerima dirinya sebagai seorang gay.

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