

ABSTRACT

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This thesis analyzes the novel entitled *Messenger* which is written by Lois Lowry. The story tells about a boy named Matty, who works as a messenger by delivering messages across villages which are surrounded by a harmful forest.

There are three research objectives that are analyzed in this thesis. The first is to identify the characteristics of Matty. The second is to discover the conflicts faced by Matty. The third is to look for the messages as revealed through Matty's way of solving the conflicts.

This undergraduate thesis uses library research method. The new criticism approach is used in this thesis to analyze the character, conflicts, and messages. It is applied in order to answer the problem formulations in this research.

The writer is able to reveal some possible messages from Matty's characteristics and the conflicts that are faced by Matty. Matty has five characteristics. They are obedient, curious, responsible, brave and wise. Those five characteristics show how Matty is described in the story. Matty's conflicts are divided into two types, they are internal and external conflicts. The internal conflicts happen inside of Matty when he actually has superpower and wants to tell others but he is still in dilemma because he does not want to promise something that seems impossible. Also when he is about to begin his journey, his friend is sick and he wants to help, but he needs to save his energy. Then the writer divides the external conflicts into two conflicts. First is when Matty prepares himself to begin the journey but Leader forbids Matty to go. Second, Matty's conflicts against Kira. Matty wants to heal Kira's twisted leg but Kira does not want to be healed. She accepts herself the way she is right now. Based on the analysis toward Matty's characteristics and conflicts, the writer found the messages that are revealed through Matty's way of solving the conflicts. They are, we have to be wise in making decision, we must dare to take a risk to achieve our goal, do not give up easily, and we must ready to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of goodness.

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Studi ini menganalisis tentang sebuah novel yang berjudul *Messenger* karya Lois Lowry. Novel ini menceritakan tentang seorang anak yang bernama Matty, yang bekerja sebagai pengirim pesan kepada penduduk yang bertempat tinggal di sebuah desa yang dikelilingi oleh hutan yang berbahaya.

Terdapat tiga hal yang diteliti di studi ini. Pertama, mengidentifikasi karakteristik Matty. Kedua, menemukan berbagai konflik yang dihadapi Matty. Ketiga, mencari pesan yang terungkap melalui cara Matty mengatasi berbagai konflik yang ia hadapi.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode studi pustaka. Pendekatan *New Criticism* diterapkan untuk menganalisa karakter, konflik, dan pesan dalam novel. Metode ini, diterapkan untuk menjawab rumusan masalah dalam penelitian ini.

Penulis dapat mengungkap berbagai pesan yang didapat melalui karakteristik Matty dan konflik yang ia hadapi. Matty memiliki lima karakteristik. Karakteristik tersebut adalah, penurut, ingin tahu, tanggung jawab, pemberani dan bijak. Kelima karakteristik tersebut menunjukkan bagaimana Matty digambarkan dalam cerita. Konflik yang dihadapi Matty dibagi menjadi dua jenis, yaitu konflik internal dan eksternal. Konflik internal terjadi di dalam diri Matty ketika ia sebenarnya memiliki kekuatan super dan ingin memberi tahu orang lain tetapi ia berada di dalam dilema karena ia tidak ingin menjanjikan sesuatu yang mustahil. Adapun ketika Matty hendak memulai perjalanan, temannya sedang sakit dan Matty ingin membantu, tetapi ia harus menyimpan tenaganya selama di perjalanan. Kemudian, penulis membagi konflik eksternal menjadi dua bagian. Pertama, ketika Matty mempersiapkan dirinya untuk memulai perjalanan, namun Leader melarang Matty untuk pergi. Kedua, konflik Matty terhadap Kira. Matty ingin menyembuhkan kaki Kira yang cacat, namun Kira tidak ingin disembuhkan. Kira menerima dirinya apa adanya. Berdasarkan analisis mengenai karakteristik dan konflik Matty, penulis menemukan beberapa pesan yang terungkap melalui cara Matty mengatasi konflik. Pesan tersebut adalah, kita harus bijak dalam mengambil keputusan, kita harus berani mengambil resiko demi mencapai tujuan kita, jangan mudah menyerah dan kita harus siap untuk mengorbankan diri kita demi kebaikan.

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