

ABSTRACT

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Ann Kirschner's *Sala's Gift: My Mother's Holocaust Story* tells about the decision of Jews girl, Sala Garncarz, the youngest daughter of Garncarz family, to take her sister's place to work in Nazi labor camps as a seamstress and moves seven times into in seven different places. It is her own decision that she takes her sister's place to work as a seamstress in the labor camps. A Jews girl who lives in an isolated labor camps area in German and Poland. Despite her works, Sala is a brave girl who wants to take a responsibility in order to help her family.

This research focuses on revealing the significance of the letters toward the main characters' motivation to survive in the Nazi labor camps. In this research, there are two questions related to the topic. The first problem is how the main character and minor characters are described and the second problem is the significance of the letters toward the main and minor characters' motivation to survive in Nazi work camps.

The writer uses the library research method as the primary source. The writer also collects the data from the internet, journals, and some books to supports the thesis. The approach that is used in this research is Psychological approach because this research highlights the significance of the letter toward the main characters motivation.

From the analysis, the writer finds out that the letters influence Sala's motivation as a receiver of the letters in the labor camps. The first discussion is the influence of Raizel's letters toward Sala's motivation. In every sentence of the letters, Raizel always reminds her sister to believe in God and make sure that Raizel always beside Sala even if the distance between them is not near. The second is the influence of Ala's letter is almost the same as Raizel's letter. Ala shows her attention trough Sala's family. In every chance, Ala sends Sala letters to make sure that without Ala everything will be all right. Furthermore, the writer finds that the significance of the letters toward the main characters is not only as a communication tool during war but also as a power from the sender to the receiver. The letters were not simple pieces of paper; the letters contain the feelings' of the people she loved, friends and family who wait for her homecoming.

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Sala's Gift: My Mother's Holocaust Story karya Ann Kirschner's menceritakan tentang keputusan seorang gadis Yahudi, Sala Garnarcz, putri bungsu keluarga Garnarcz, menggantikan tempat kakak perempuannya untuk bekerja di kamp kerja paksa Nazi sebagai penjahit dan tujuh kali berpindah ke Work camp yang berbeda. Sudah menjadi keputusannya menggantikan posisi kakaknya sebagai penjahit di kamp kerja paksa Nazi. Gadis Yahudi yang hidup di kamp kerja paksa Nazi terisolasi di wilayah Jerman dan Polandia.

Penelitian ini mengungkap makna surat-surat terhadap motivasi karakter utama untuk bertahan di kamp kerja paksa Nazi. Penulis membuat dua rumusan masalah yang berhubungan dengan topik. Pertama, bagaimana pengarang menggambarkan karakter di dalam biografi. Kedua, adalah makna surat terhadap motivasi karakter utama dan tokoh pembantu untuk bertahan di kamp kerja paksa Nazi.

Penulis menggunakan metode penelitian pustaka sebagai sumber data utama. Penulis juga mengumpulkan data dari internet, jurnal dan beberapa buku pendukung penulisan penelitian ini. Penulis juga menggunakan teori pendekatan psikologi karena fokus penelitian ini adalah mencari makna surat terhadap motivasi karakter utama untuk bertahan di kamp kerja paksa Nazi.

Dari analisa, penulis menemukan bahwa surat dapat mempengaruhi motivasi Sala sebagai penerima surat di kamp kerja paksa. Pada bahasan pertama pengaruh surat Raizel Garnarcz terhadap motivasi Sala. Di setiap kalimat Raizel selalu mengingatkan saudara perempuannya untuk percaya kepada Tuhan dan memastikan bahwa Raizel selalu berada di samping Sala meskipun jarak diantara mereka tidak dekat. Yang kedua adalah pengaruh surat Ala yang hampir sama dengan surat Raizel. Ala menunjukkan perhatiannya terhadap keluarga Sala. Di setiap ada kesempatan Ala selalu mengirim surat dan memastikan bahwa semuanya akan baik-baik dirinya. Selanjutnya, penulis menemukan bahwa makna dari surat terhadap karakter utama tidak hanya sebagai alat komunikasi selama perang saja tetapi juga sebagai kekuatan untuk pengirim maupun si penerima. Disini surat-surat tidaklah hanya selembat kertas, tetapi surat-surat ini berisi perasaan orang-orang yang dia sayangi yang menunggu kepulangannya.