

ABSTRACT

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Literary work is a reflection of life. The writer specifically relates the relationship between human life and the beauty of literary work. This connection is widely extended to analyze literary work using the concept of psychology. In this study, the understanding above is used to analyze one of the narrators of Jennifer Niven's *All the Bright Places*, Theodore Finch, and his journey through the realization of his will to meaning. Therefore, it is interesting for the writer to learn the characteristics and the characteristics of the human existence of Theodore Finch to realize his will to meaning and later his meaning of life.

There are three objectives to be achieved in this research. The first objective is to describe Theodore Finch's characteristics in Jennifer Niven's *All the Bright Places novel*. The second objective is to examine Theodore Finch's process of realizing his will to meaning. The third objective is to describe Theodore Finch's meaning of life during his journey to realize the will to meaning. The analysis is done based on M.J Murphy's theory of characterization and Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy basic concepts.

The method used in the present study is library research. The writer also uses a psychological approach. This approach includes a humanistic perspective to help the writer reveals the struggle of Theodore Finch in realizing his will to meaning. To achieve the study research objectives, the writer used basic concepts of Logotherapy such as characteristics of human existence, will to meaning, and the meaning of life.

According to the analysis, it concludes that Theodore Finch is a boy who tries hard to realize his will to meaning to reach the meaning of life. Theodore Finch's diverse characteristics support this effort as fragile, sensitive, optimistic, clever, caring, and observant. Together with Theodore Finch's characteristics, the characteristics of human existence also help to reveal his realization of will to meaning. Finch has succeeded in realizing his will to meaning followed by the meaning of life in every condition revealed by three sources of the meaning of life such as creative value, experiential value, and attitudinal value.

Keywords: characteristic of human existence, will to meaning, meaning of life.

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Karya sastra merupakan cerminan kehidupan yang ditulis sedemikian rupa oleh penciptanya, sehingga terdapat hubungan antara kehidupan manusia dan keindahan karya sastra. Hubungan ini memungkinkan adanya analisa karya sastra menggunakan konsep psikologi. Dalam penelitian ini, pemahaman di atas digunakan untuk menganalisis salah satu narator *All the Bright Places* karya Jennifer Niven, Theodore Finch, dalam proses realisasi *will to meaning*. Oleh karena itu, menarik bagi penulis untuk mempelajari karakteristik tokoh dan karakteristik manusia berada Theodore Finch untuk mencapai *will to meaning* dan kemudian diikuti oleh menemukan makna hidup.

Terdapat tiga tujuan yang ingin dicapai dalam penelitian ini. tujuan pertama adalah mendeskripsikan karakteristik Theodore Finch dalam novel *All the Bright Places* karya Jennifer Niven. Tujuan kedua adalah mengkaji proses Theodore Finch dalam menyadari dan mewujudkan *will to meaning*. Tujuan ketiga adalah untuk mendeskripsikan makna hidup Theodore Finch dalam perjalanannya menyadari *will to meaning*. Analisis dalam penelitian ini dilakukan berdasarkan teori karakterisasi M.J Murphy dan konsep dasar Logoterapi oleh Viktor Frankl.

Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah penelitian kepustakaan dengan pendekatan psikologis. Pendekatan psikologis dalam hal ini termasuk perspektif humanitis untuk membantu penulis mengungkap perjuangan Theodore Finch dalam menyadari dan mewujudkan *will to meaning*. Untuk mencapai tujuan penelitian, penulis menggunakan konsep-konsep dasar Logoterapi; karakteristik manusia berada, *will to meaning*, dan makna hidup.

Berdasarkan hasil analisis, disimpulkan bahwa Theodore Finch merupakan anak laki-laki yang berusaha keras untuk menyadari dan mewujudkan *will to meaning* dan kemudian mencapai makna hidupnya. Karakteristik yang beragam, seperti rapuh, sensitif, optimis, cerdas, peduli, dan observan mendukung upaya Finch mencapai tujuannya. Karakteristik tokoh Theodore Finch dan karakteristik manusia berada juga membantu untuk menyadari akan *will to meaning*. Finch telah berhasil mewujudkan *will to meaning* diikuti dengan makna hidup dalam setiap kondisi yang diungkap oleh tiga sumber makna hidup yakni nilai kreatif, nilai pengalaman, dan nilai perilaku.

Kata Kunci: karakteristik manusia berada, kehendak untuk bermakna, makna hidup.