

## ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes a novel written by Somaly Mam, entitled *The Road of Lost Innocence*. This novel is based on a true story, focusing on Somaly Mam's experiences of being a prostitute and finally she could help Cambodian women free from sex trafficking. This story took place in Cambodia between 1970s and 2000s during the Cambodian Civil War. The novel clearly describes how the Cambodian heroine, named Somaly Mam, tried to help all Cambodian women escape from sex slavery. Thus, in this study, I intended to analyze the feminism values which are depicted through Somaly Mam's actions in freeing Cambodian women from their suffering. One question to be answered in this study is; "How is feminism portrayed through the main character's actions, Somaly Mam, in Somaly Mam's *The Road of Lost Innocence*?"

In order to answer the problem, I applied feminist approach which enabled me to know the feminist thought in the novel. I also carried out the library research as the method of the study. There were two data sources, namely primary and secondary sources. The primary source was the novel itself, *The Road of Lost Innocence*. The secondary sources were from the theory of feminist literary criticism, theory of characterization, and also theory of feminism. The theory of feminism contains several kinds of feminism; such as First wave of feminism, Second wave of feminism, Socialist/Marxist feminism, Asian, black, and women of color feminism, Lesbian feminism, Liberal feminism, and Psychoanalytic feminism.

Based on the analysis conducted, there were 14 feminist actions which have been done by Somaly Mam in freeing those Cambodian women from sex slavery. According to the theory of characterization and the theory of feminism, it could be concluded that liberal feminism is depicted through Somaly Mam's actions. Somaly tried to achieve women's equality in several aspects; such as politics, economics, and also socials. Thus, Somaly's actions were in line with the characteristics of liberal feminism.

Finally, I propose two suggestions for two parties. For the further researchers, I suggest that they analyze and study this novel by using socio-cultural historical approach and psychological approach. Meanwhile for the teaching implementation, I suggest that the teachers use some stories in this novel as the materials for Basic Reading II in English Language Education Study Program.

**Keywords:** feminism, liberal feminism, sex trafficking

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Studi ini membahas tentang novel karya Somaly Mam yang berjudul *The Road of Lost Innocence*. Novel ini berdasarkan kisah nyata mengenai kehidupan Somaly Mam yang menjadi pekerja seks hingga dia dapat menyelamatkan wanita Kamboja dari perdagangan seks. Novel ini berlatar belakang perang sipil Kamboja pada tahun 1970an hingga 2000an. Novel ini secara jelas menceritakan bagaimana pahlawan wanita Kamboja yang bernama Somaly Mam, berusaha menolong wanita Kamboja terbebas dari perbudakan seks. Oleh karena itu, melalui studi ini, saya menganalisa nilai-nilai feminisme yang dapat dilihat dari tindakan Somaly Mam ketika dia menolong para wanita Kamboja. Satu pertanyaan yang akan dijawab di dalam studi ini, yaitu; "Bagaimana feminisme digambarkan melalui tindakan yang dilakukan oleh karakter utama, Somaly Mam, di dalam novel *The Road of Lost Innocence* karya Somaly Mam?"

Untuk membahas pertanyaan ini, saya melakukan pendekatan feminism yang memudahkan saya untuk mengetahui pemikiran feminis yang terdapat di dalam novel. Saya juga menggunakan studi pustaka sebagai metode di dalam studi ini. Studi ini juga menggunakan dua macam sumber; yaitu sumber utama dan sumber sekunder. Sumber utama yaitu dari novel *The Road of Lost Innocence*. Sementara sumber sekunder dalam studi ini menggunakan teori kritik sastra feminis, teori karakterisasi, dan teori feminisme. Teori feminisme terdiri dari beberapa jenis feminisme; yaitu feminisme gelombang pertama, feminisme gelombang kedua, feminisme sosialis/Marxist, feminisme wanita kulit hitam, feminisme lesbian, feminisme liberal, dan psikoanalisis feminisme.

Berdasarkan analisis yang telah dilakukan, terdapat 14 tindakan feminism yang telah dilakukan Somaly Mam dalam membebaskan wanita Kamboja dari perbudakan seks. Berdasarkan teori karakterisasi dan teori feminisme, dapat disimpulkan bahwa feminism liberal dapat dilihat melalui tindakan Somaly Mam. Somaly berusaha untuk mencapai hak wanita di berbagai aspek; seperti politik, ekonomi, dan sosial. Maka dari itu, tindakan Somaly sesuai dengan karakteristik dari feminism liberal.

Pada studi ini, saya juga mengajukan dua saran bagi dua pihak. Bagi peneliti selanjutnya, saya menyarankan untuk menganalisa dan mempelajari novel ini dengan menggunakan pendekatan sosio kultural historis dan pendekatan psikologis. Sementara bagi pengajaran bahasa Inggris, saya menyarankan untuk menggunakan beberapa cerita dari novel ini sebagai materi untuk mata kuliah Basic Reading II di program studi Pendidikan Bahasa Inggris.

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