

## ABSTRACT

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This thesis analyses a novel by Mitch Albom entitled *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. The novel tells a story of Edward Beitchman who thinks that his life is worthless. When he dies, he experiences a journey in heaven where he meets five people who show him that actually his life is meaningful. This thesis discusses the main character perception of his former life and the influence of those five people on the main character perception of his former life.

This study has two aims. The first is to analyze the main character's perception of his former life. The second is to find out the influences of the five people toward the main character's perception of his former life.

In order to achieve the aims, this study applied library research as the method of data gathering. There are two data sources which are used, primary and secondary sources. The primary source is the novel itself, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. The secondary sources are books and sources from the internet which are relevant to the issues discussed. This study employs several theories such as: theory of character, theory of characterization and theory of psychology. The psychological approach is applied since the psychological aspects of the main character are analyzed here.

The result of the analysis shows that Eddie's characters are kind, brave, skillful, and loving. He also has a bad perception of his former life. He perceives that his life is worthless. When he dies, he meets five people in heaven. Those are The Blue Man, the Captain, Ruby, Marguerite and Tala. They influence him that he changes his perception after he meets them. They influence him by sharing their experiences and information which are essential to define how meaningful his life is. The Blue man shows that his life is connected with others. The Captain reveals the meaning behind his wounded leg. Ruby helps him to understand his father. Marguerite tells him that their marriage is a happy marriage. Tala shows that his life is meaningful for others. Thus, Eddie changes his perception. He perceives that his life is meaningful after he meets the five people.

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Skripsi ini menganalisa sebuah novel oleh Mitch Albom yang berjudul *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. Novel ini bercerita tentang seseorang bernama Edward Beitchman yang merasa bahwa hidupnya tidak berarti. Ketika meninggal, dia mengalami perjalanan dimana dia bertemu lima orang yang menunjukkan bahwa sebenarnya hidupnya sangat berarti. Skripsi ini membahas tentang persepsi tokoh utama tentang hidupnya dulu.

Studi ini mempunyai dua tujuan. Tujuan pertama adalah menganalisa persepsi tokoh utama tentang hidupnya dulu. Tujuan kedua adalah mencari tahu apa pengaruh kelima orang itu pada persepsi tokoh utama tentang hidupnya dulu.

Untuk mencapai tujuan-tujuan tersebut, studi ini menerapkan studi pustaka sebagai metode pengumpulan data. Ada dua sumber data yang digunakan. Yaitu sumber utama dan sumber kedua. Sumber pertama adalah novel itu sendiri, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. Sumber kedua adalah buku-buku dan sumber-sumber dari internet yang relevan dengan topic yang dibahas. Skripsi ini menggunakan beberapa teori seperti: teori tokoh, teori penokohan dan teori psikologi. Pendekatan psikologis diterapkan karena aspek-aspek psikologi tokoh utamanyalah yang dianalisa disini.

Hasil dari analisis menunjukkan bahwa karakter Eddie adalah orang yang baik, pemberani, trampil bekerja, dan penyayang. Dia juga mempunyai persepsi buruk tentang hidupnya dulu. Dia menganggap bahwa hidupnya tidak berarti. Ketika meninggal, dia bertemu lima orang di surga. Mereka adalah The Blue Man, the Captain, Ruby, Marguerite and Tala. Mereka mempengaruhinya sehingga dia mengubah persepsi tentang hidupnya setelah bertemu mereka. Mereka mempengaruhinya dengan membagi pengalaman mereka dan informasi yang penting untuk mengungkapkan bahwa sebenarnya hidup Eddie sangat berharga. The Blue Man menunjukkan bagaimana hidup Eddie terhubung dengan hidup orang-orang lain. The Captain mengungkapkan arti dibalik kaki pincangnya. Ruby membantu Eddie untuk memahami ayahnya. Marguerite memberitahunya bahwa pernikahan mereka adalah pernikahan yang bahagia. Tala menunjukkan pada Eddie bahwa hidupnya berarti bagi orang lain. Jadi, Eddie mengubah persepsinya. Dia mengerti bahwa hidupnya sangat berarti setelah bertemu dengan lima orang itu.