

## ABSTRACT

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Laura Esquivel's *Like Water for Chocolate* tells about a fifteen-year-old girl named Tita De La Garza, who spends most of her entire life to take care of her mother and abandon her love to a man named Pedro Muzquiz. It happens because of her mother's rule of marriage that the youngest daughter must not marry but take care of her mother until the day she dies. She realizes that her mother's rules make she is sick. Therefore, she reacts against her mother's rules.

This thesis focuses on Tita's reactions against her mother's rules. In this thesis, there are three questions related to the topic. The first question is How are the characteristics of Tita described in the novel *Like Water for Chocolate*. The second question is how are the mother's rules described, and the third question is about how Tita's reactions against her mother's rules.

In analyzing those three questions, the writer conducts library research. The primary source was the novel by Laura Esquivel titled *Like Water for Chocolate*. The secondary sources include the e-books from [www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org), and other sources such as articles and undergraduate thesis which are related to this study. This thesis uses psychoanalytic approach, because the writer wants to show the interaction of unconscious and conscious mind of Tita that the unconscious mind of Tita is her mother's rule of marriage and the other rules which are not related to marriage, which are then impulses out of consciousness through her four reactions to break her mother's rules.

The findings of this thesis are as follows: First, Tita De la Garza, as the youngest daughter, has five characteristics that is described in the novel *Like Water for Chocolate*. The characteristics of Tita one as follows: first, she is submissive for the authority. Second, she is patient. Third, she is caring. Fourth, she is faithful for Pedro. Fifth, she is creative person. At the beginning, Tita is submissive for the authority of her mother, but her mother's rules, which are her mother's rule of marriage and the other rules which are not related to the rule of marriage, makes Tita react against it. Therefore, she reacts to break her mother's rules through her four reactions. Tita's reactions against her mother's rules are: first, she stands up to her mother by breaking her mother's rule of marriage that she is expected to follow by saying that she feels sick of obeying her mother's rules. Second, she shows her hatred for her mother by eventually refusing to stay with her mother again, and also she hopes her mother died. Third, she breaks her mother's rule of marriage by making a plan to get married to Dr. John. Fourth, she declares for her mother that she wants to be free from Mama Elena.

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*Like Water for Chocolate* menceritakan tentang seorang gadis yang berumur 15 tahun bernama Tita De la Garza yang menghabiskan sebagian besar seluruh hidupnya untuk merawat ibunya dan meninggalkan cintanya dengan seorang pria bernama Pedro. Hal ini terjadi karena penegakan aturan ibunya tentang pernikahan bahwa sebagai putri bungsu tidak harus menikah tapi merawat ibunya sampai ibunya meninggal. Dia menyadari bahwa aturan-aturan ibunya membuat dia sakit. Oleh karena itu, dia bereaksi melawan aturan ibunya tersebut.

Tesis ini fokus pada reaksi Tita terhadap aturan-aturan ibunya. Dalam tesis ini, ada tiga pertanyaan yang terkait dengan topik. Pertanyaan pertama adalah bagaimana karakter Tita digambarkan dalam novel. Pertanyaan kedua adalah bagaimana aturan-aturan ibunya digambarkan, dan pertanyaan ketiga adalah bagaimana reaksi Tita melawan aturan-aturan ibunya.

Dalam menganalisa ketiga pertanyaan tersebut, penulis melakukan studi pustaka. Sumber utama adalah novel Laura Esquivel berjudul *Like Water for Chocolate*. Sumber pendukung adalah buku elektronik yang diambil dari [www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org), dan sumber lainnya seperti artikel dan skripsi yang berhubungan dengan penelitian ini. Tesis ini menggunakan pendekatan psikoanalisis, karena penulis ingin menunjukkan interaksi antara pikiran tidak sadar and sadar Tita bahwa pikiran tidak sadar Tita adalah peraturan ibunya tentang pernikahan dan peraturan lainnya yang tidak berhubungan dengan pernikahan, yang kemudian didorong keluar secara sadar melalui empat tindakan untuk melanggar aturan-aturan ibunya.

Temuan penelitian ini adalah sebagai berikut: Pertama, Tita De la Garza, sebagai putri bungsu, memiliki kelima karakteristik yang dijelaskan dalam novel *Like Water for Chocolate*. Karakteristik Tita sebagai berikut: pertama, dia tunduk untuk otoritas ibunya. Kedua, dia sabar. Ketiga, dia peduli. Keempat, dia setia. Kelima, dia kreatif. Pada awalnya, Tita tunduk pada otoritas ibunya, tetapi aturan ibunya tentang pernikahan dan peraturan lainnya membuat Tita bereaksi terhadap hal itu. Oleh karena itu, dia bereaksi untuk melanggar peraturan-peraturan ibunya melalui empat tindakannya. Reaksi Tita melawan aturan-aturan ibunya adalah: pertama, ia melanggar aturan ibunya tentang pernikahan yang ia diharapkan untuk mengikuti dengan mengatakan bahwa dia merasa sakit mematuhi aturan ibunya. Kedua, dia menunjukkan kebenciannya kepada ibunya dengan menolak untuk tinggal dengan ibunya lagi dan juga ia berharap ibunya meninggal. Ketiga, dia melanggar aturan ibunya tentang pernikahan dengan membuat rencana pernikahan dengan Dr. John. Keempat, dia menyatakan kepada ibunya bahwa dia ingin bebas dari ibunya.