

## ABSTRACT

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This study discusses Christopher Boone's personality development as an autistic. This study focuses on three problems. The first problem is about the personality of Christopher Boone's as an autistic in the beginning. The second problem is about Christopher Boone's life experiences that may change his personality. The third problem is Christopher Boone's personality development after undergoing some experiences.

This thesis was finished by applying library research study. This thesis applied psychological approach to comprehend the patterns of human personality and behavior. Besides using psychological approach, this thesis also applied theory of characterization, personality and autism. Theory of characterization was used to analyze the character of Christopher Boone. Theory personality and autism were used to analyze Christopher Boone's personality in the beginning Christopher Boone's personality development after he faced some experiences.

The first result of the study was about Christopher Boone's personality as an autistic child. On the first problem, we can see Christopher Boone's special personality and behavior which are different from normal people. He likes hitting people and smashing things when he is upset. He cannot communicate with other people, he likes doing strange actions. The second problem is about the way Christopher Boone changes his personality. He changes his personality by facing some experiences when he tries to find out Wellington's murderer and his mother. The ways he tries to face his difficulty toward society affects his personality. The third problem formulation is the result of the way Christopher Boone changes his strange behaviors and thinking on his personality. On the third problem formulation, we can see that Christopher Boone's personalities are changed after undergoing some experiences not because of therapy.

Finally, the researcher would like to propose two suggestions. The first suggestion is for the future researcher(s) on *Christopher Boone* in the next years. The second suggestion is for readers. They can learn about an autistic child's personality and how to handle them on appropriate way.

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Skripsi ini membahas perkembangan kepribadian Christopher Boone sebagai anak autis. Skripsi ini memfokuskan pada tiga masalah. Masalah pertama adalah tentang karakter Christopher Boone sebagai anak autis. Masalah kedua adalah tentang pengalaman hidup Christopher Boone yang dapat mengubah kepribadian dia. Masalah ketiga adalah perkembangan kepribadian Christopher Boone setelah menjalani beberapa pengalaman.

Skripsi ini diselesaikan dengan menerapkan metode studi pustaka. Skripsi ini menggunakan teori psikologi untuk mengartikan bentuk kepribadian dan perilaku manusia. Selain menggunakan teori psikologi, skripsi ini menerapkan teori karakterisasi, kepribadian dan autisme. Teori karakterisasi digunakan untuk menganalisa karakter dari Christopher Boone. Teori kepribadian dan autisme digunakan untuk menganalisa kepribadian Christopher Boone di awal dan perkembangan kepribadian dia setelah menghadapi beberapa pengalaman.

Hasil pertama dari skripsi ini mengenai kepribadian Christopher Boone sebagai anak autis. Dalam masalah pertama, kita dapat melihat kepribadian dan tingkah laku khusus Christopher Boone yang berbeda dari orang normal. Dia suka memukul orang dan membanting barang-barang saat dia sedih. Dia tidak bisa berkomunikasi dengan orang lain dan dia suka melakukan tindakan aneh. Dia mengubah kepribadiannya dengan menghadapi beberapa pengalaman saat dia mencoba mencari tahu pembunuh Wellington dan ibunya. Cara dia menghadapi kesulitannya terhadap lingkungan mempengaruhi kepribadiannya. Masalah ketiga adalah hasil dari cara Christopher Boone merubah tingkah lakunya dan pola pikir dia yang aneh dalam kepribadiannya. Dalam masalah ke tiga, kita dapat melihat kepribadian Christopher Boone berubah setelah mengalami beberapa pengalaman bukan karena terapi.

Akhirnya, peneliti memberi dua saran. Saran pertama untuk peneliti selanjutnya tentang Christopher Boone di tahun-tahun berikutnya. Saran kedua untuk para pembaca. Mereka dapat belajar kepribadian anak autis dan bagaimana menangani anak autis dengan cara yang tepat.

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