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ABSTRACT

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This study discusses the influence of David's decision of taking his daughter with *Down syndrome* away from his family on his family's life in Kim Edwards' *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. This novel tells about a doctor named David Henry who sends his daughter with *Down syndrome* away into an institution. David tells his wife that their daughter has died as she is born. David never tells his wife that their daughter is still alive.

There are three problems formulated in this study. The first problem is how David is described in *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* novel. The second problem is why David decides to take his daughter with *Down syndrome* away from his family. The third is finding out the influence of David's decision of taking his daughter with *Down syndrome* away from his family on his family's life.

In solving the three problems above, the researcher applied the psychological approach, theory of character and characterization, theory of motivation, theory of fear, theory of decision making process, and information about *Down syndrome*. The method of this study was library research. There were two sources used in this study, namely, the primary data, which was *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* novel itself, and the secondary data taken from the books of psychology, character and characterization, human motivation, decision making process, and *Down syndrome*.

Based on the analysis, David's personalities are kind, protective, calm, secretive, and griefful. Intrinsic factors of David's motivation are to provide the best medical treatment for Phoebe, to avoid Norah from the same grief like his mother, and to avoid Paul from the same pain and loss like him. Extrinsically, David's motivation is influenced by his professor. David's decision of taking his daughter away into an institution causes influence on his family life. The influence on Phoebe is seen from a mother-daughter relationship between Caroline and Phoebe. The influence on David is that David's life is full of secrets, guilt, anger, regret, and redemption toward what he has decided. Norah experiences a deep loss, envies other people whose life seems happier than hers, and is afraid of losing David and Paul. She wants everybody to remember her daughter. She holds a party and takes a job to get out from sorrow. Paul gets all his parents' attention, but he feels lonely without any siblings. David's decision influences also on Caroline's life. She starts a new real life, leaves her old life, and be a mother to Phoebe without any husband for six years. On the relation among members of the family, David's decision creates distance among them.

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In the last part of this thesis, there are two suggestions. First is for the future researcher(s) who will conduct researches on *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. Second is to implement *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* in teaching English, especially in teaching structure III.

Keywords: influence, decision, Down syndrome



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Studi ini membahas tentang pengaruh keputusan David menyingkirkan putrinya yang memiliki *Down syndrome* dari keluarga dalam kehidupan keluarga David dalam novel *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* oleh Kim Edwards. Novel ini bercerita tentang seorang dokter bernama David Henry yang menyingkirkan putrinya yang memiliki *Down syndrome* ke sebuah institusi. Tetapi David mengatakan pada istrinya bahwa putri mereka meninggal setelah lahir. David tidak pernah mengatakan pada Norah bahwa putri mereka masih hidup.

Ada tiga permasalahan yang dirumuskan dalam skripsi ini. Pertama ialah bagaimana David digambarkan dalam novel *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. Kedua ialah mengapa David memutuskan untuk menyingkirkan putrinya. Ketiga ialah menemukan pengaruh keputusan David menyingkirkan putrinya dalam kehidupan keluarga David.

Untuk memecahkan dua permasalahan diatas, penulis menerapkan pendekatan psikologi, teori karakter dan penokohan, teori motivasi, teori ketakutan, teori proses pengambilan keputusan, dan dan informasi mengenai *Down syndrome*. Metode yang digunakan dalam skripsi ini adalah studi pustaka. Ada dua sumber yang digunakan dalam skripsi ini yaitu data utama yang merupakan novel *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* sendiri, dan data pendukung yang diambil dari beberapa buku mengenai psikologi, karakter dan penokohan, motivasi manusia, proses pengambilan keputusan dan *Down syndrome*.

Kesimpulan menyatakan bahwa David memiliki karakter baik hati, bersifat melindungi, tenang, penuh rahasia, dan penuh kesedihan. Motivasi David dipengaruhi dua faktor. Memberikan pengobatan yang terbaik untuk Phoebe, menghindarkan Norah dari kesedihan yang sama seperti ibunya, dan menghindarkan Paul dari kepedihan dan kehilangan seperti dirinya adalah faktor intrinsik yang mempengaruhinya. Keputusan David untuk mengirimkan putrinya ke sebuah panti memberikan pengaruh dalam kehidupan keluarganya. Pengaruh pada Phoebe dapat dilihat dari hubungan ibu-anak antara Caroline dan Phoebe. Pengaruh pada David adalah kehidupannya yang penuh rahasia, rasa bersalah, kemarahan, penyesalan, dan penebusan atas apa yang sudah diputuskannya. Norah mengalami kehilangan yang mendalam, iri pada orang yang hidup mereka terlihat lebih bahagia darinya, dan takut kehilangan David dan Paul. Dia ingin setiap orang mengingat putrinya. Dia menyelenggarakan pesta dan bekerja untuk keluar dari kesedihannya. Paul mendapatkan perhatian kedua orang tuanya tetapi dia merasa sendiri tanpa saudara. Keputusan David juga mempengaruhi hidup Caroline. Dia mengawali hidup yang baru, meninggalkan hidupnya yang lama, dan menjadi seorang ibu bagi Phoebe tanpa seorang suami selama enam tahun.

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Dalam hubungan antar anggota keluarga keputusan David menyebabkan jarak di antara mereka.

Pada bagian terakhir skripsi ini, terdapat dua saran. Saran pertama diperuntukkan bagi (para) peneliti *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* selanjutnya. Saran kedua untuk penerapan *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* dalam pengajaran bahasa Inggris, terutama untuk mengajar *Structure III*.

Kata kunci: pengaruh, keputusan, *Down syndrome*

