

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Human rights belong to every human being. Every person is free to decide what to do now and in the future. Other people can no interfere someone's right. They are free to express what they want, they are free to speak, to set a material wealth and profess religion. All human being are born and equal in dignity and right. Human right is the basic right of freedom to which all human beings are entitled and in whose exercise a government may not interfere (including right for life and liberty as well as freedom of thought and expression an equality before the law). Human rights are premised on recognition of the equal worth and dignity of every human being regardless of any distinguishing characteristic such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property , birth or other status. This gives rise to the twin fundamental principles of equality and non-discrimination.

Based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, everyone has the right for life, liberty and security of person. This means that everyone has the right for works, free choice of employment, justice and favorable conditions of work and protection against unemployment. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.

One of the examples of human right manifestation can be seen in a novel. Novel often illustrates the situation of the social condition of the people in a certain time. A novel can increase the empathy feeling and tolerance, it can make the audience know themselves

through the figures or the characters in the story, and human right already become good issue for years. Everyone talks about it in every place and every time.

One of the novel that talks about human rights is “*My Sister’s Keeper*” (2004) explores the medical, legal, ethical and moral issues related to long term-illness, a complicated subject in the contemporary world. In the book, thirteen years old, Anna sues her parent for her sister Kate, who suffers from leukemia, Anna has undergone numerous procedures to provide Kate with whatever she needs to fight her disease, but when Anna learns she is to give up a kidney for her sister, Anna hires a lawyer take her parent to court.

*My Sister Keeper*, was written by Jody Picoult. She was born on May 10, 1966, in Long Island, New York, the daughter of Myron and Jane Picoult. She had a happy childhood growing up with her younger brother, Jonathan, in Nesconset, New York, on Long Island. Picoult began writing stories when she was young and continued the practice through her childhood. Picoult wrote her first story at age 5, entitled “The Lobster Which Misunderstood”. She studied writing at Priceton University, and graduated in 1987. She published two short stories in *Seventeen* magazine while still in Collage. Immediately after graduation, she landed a variety jobs. She became the writer of DC Comics *Wonder Women* (vol.3) series following the departure of fellow writer Allan Heinberg. *Nineteen Minutes*, Picoult’s novel about the aftermath of a school shooting in a small town, has become her first book to debut at on the New York Times Best Seller list. Her book *Change Of Heart* was published on March 4, 2008, and became Picoult’s second novel to debut at 1 NYT Best Seller list.

Now she tells the emotionally riveting story of family torn apart by conflicting needs a passionate love that triumphs over human weakness. *My Sister’s Keeper* examines what it

means to be good parent, a good sister, a good person. Is it morally correct to do whatever it takes to save a child life, even if that means infringing upon the rights of another? Is it worth trying to discover who you really are, if that quest makes you like yourself less? Should you follow your own heart, or let other lead you.

This study conducted by using analyzing psychology theory to analyze the major character personality in facing the problem on her life. By employing the individual psychology, this study discusses about the struggle of the major character to get her right.

## **B. Literature Review**

Jody Picoult is an American novelist, her novel *My Sister Keeper* won a 2005 Alex Award from the Margaret Alexander Edward Trust, and *Booklist* named it as one of the top ten adult books for teenager. As far as the writer concerns, there is only one person conducted a study of the novel, namely Debora Pasaribu (2009) her research entitled : *Anna's Personality Through Sigmund's Freud Theory In Jody Picoult My Sister Keeper: An Individual Psychological Approach*.

In this research paper, the writer tries to analyze the same novel in different perspectives. As far as the writer knows, there is no research has been conducted in study Jody Picoult *My Sister Keeper* by using an individual psychological approach.

## **C. Limitation of the Study**

To carry out of the study, the writer needs to limit the study. The writer analyzes the major character by applying the psychological approach. The Psychological aspects that are analyzed including fictional finalism, inferiority feeling, striving for superiority, social interest, styles of life, and creative power.

#### **D. Problem Statement**

The problem of the study is "how the major character; Anna, struggle for her right".

#### **E. Objective of the Study**

The objectives of the study are follows:

1. To analyzes the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze the novel based on the individual psychology perspective.

#### **F. Benefit of the Study**

The benefits of the study are as follows:

1. To give contribution to the body knowledge particularly, a literary study on Jodi Picoult's My Sister Keeper.
2. To give deeper understanding in literary field as the reference to the other researches in analyzing this novel into different perspective.

#### **G. Research Method**

##### **1. Type of the Study**

In this research, the researcher uses a qualitative research. This is a library research, which takes the sources of the data from words and another writing materials.

##### **2. Object of the Study**

The object of the study is the novel My Sister Keeper by Jodi Picoult, which has published i New York copyright in 2004.

### **3. Types of the Data and the Data Source**

In doing this study, the writer uses two data sources, namely primary data and secondary data source.

#### **a. Primary data source**

The primary data source is in the novel itself, *My Sister Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

#### **b. Secondary Data**

The secondary data source is obtained from other relevant information includes the references.

### **4. Technique of the Data Collection**

The method of data collection in this study is library research. The researcher collects and records either the primary and secondary data.

### **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

In analyzing the data, the writer employs descriptive qualitative analysis of content analysis. The analysis is start from the author and his work and then the structural analysis of the work and finally the individual psychology of the literary.

## **H. Paper Organization**

This Research Paper divided into five chapters. The first chapter consists of introduction, which explains the background of the study, literature review, problem statement, objectives of the study, limitation of the study, benefits of the study, theoretical approach, and paper organization. The second chapter is underlying theory of individual by Alfred Adler used in analyzing the novel. The third chapter is structural analysis, include characters and

characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style and theme. The fourth chapter is psychology analysis of the novel, and the last chapter is conclusion and suggestion.