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SUMMARY

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The research is proposed to analyze personality of Anna in a novel with the title *My Sister's Keeper* with Psychoanalytic Approach. There are two objectives: the first is to analyze the novel in terms of structural elements, and the second is to analyze the novel based on Psychoanalytic Approach.

This research is a descriptive qualitative research, using the novel of Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* as the object of analysis. There are two kinds of data sources used in the analyzing, namely primary and secondary data sources. The primary data are the novel itself and the secondary data sources are some books, internet site and articles related to the subject. The technique of data collection in this research is library research by summarizing, paraphrasing and documenting the data. In analyzing the data, the writer employs descriptive qualitative analysis.

The outcome of the study reveals the relationship between the novel and the personality of major character. In *My Sister's Keeper*, Jodi Picoult describes how the personality of Anna to suing her parents for the right her body. In her novel *My Sister's Keeper*, Picoult describes how Anna denies to donate the kidney for her sister.

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SYNOPSIS

Anna Fitzgerald's older sister, Kate, suffers from acute promyelocytic leukemia, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Anna was conceived in order to harvest blood from her umbilical cord in order to use in treatments to help save Kate's life; however, the treatment was unsuccessful, and ever since, Anna - the only compatible family member, since both her parents and her older brother Jesse are incompatible donors - has been used as a donor for any other bodily substance needed to treat Kate, who continues to swing between remission and relapse as she grows up.

Anna is usually willing to donate whatever Kate needs, but when she is thirteen, she is told that she will have to donate one of her kidneys. The surgery required for both Kate and Anna would be major; it is not guaranteed to work, as the stress of the operation may well kill Kate anyway; and the loss of a kidney would have a serious impact on Anna's life. Anna petitions for medical emancipation with the help of lawyer Campbell Alexander, so that she will be able to make her own decisions regarding her medical treatment and the donation of her kidney.

Anna's mother, Sara, is an ex-lawyer and decides to represent herself and her husband in the lawsuit. Over the course of the novel, she tries on several occasions to make Anna drop the lawsuit. Anna refuses to do so, but the resulting tension between her and her mother result in her moving out of the house to live with her father Brian in the fire station where he works. This is done on the advice of Julia Romano, the court-appointed guardian ad litem whose job it is to decide

what would be best for Anna. Julia was once romantically involved with Campbell when they went to school together, but Campbell broke her heart when he left her. Meanwhile, Jesse - who has spent most of his life being ignored in favor of ill Kate or organ donor Anna - spends most of his time setting fire to abandoned buildings with home-made explosives, using the knowledge that his fire-fighter father gave him to make the fires bigger and fiercer. He is a self-confessed juvenile delinquent and pyromaniac, and the only time throughout the book that his parents pay him any attention is when Brian discovers that it has been him who was setting the fires. Brian forgives him, and by the end of the book, he has reformed and graduated from the police academy.

During the trial, it is revealed that Kate asked Anna to sue for the emancipation because she did not want Anna to have the transplant, and because she believes that she will die anyway. The judge rules Anna's favor, and grants Campbell medical power of attorney. However, as Campbell drives her home after the trial, their car is hit by an oncoming truck. Brian retrieves Anna, who is unconscious, and Campbell, who is unharmed, from the wreckage of the crushed car and rushes them to hospital. However, after some time, the doctor informs them that Anna is brain-dead, that the machines keeping her alive may as well be switched off, and asks them if they have considered organ donation. Campbell steps in, and declares that he has the power of attorney, and there is a girl upstairs who needs that kidney. Kate is prepped for surgery, and Anna's kidney is successfully transplanted. Kate survives the surgery and goes into remission.