

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Psychology is a methodology of studying mental behavior and mental process. Psychology also learns about the function of physic of healthy people, the relation between people behavior and the other human. It comprises everything related to the feeling, thought, ideas, behavior etc. related to the psychology, every person has a different character or personality, but a person has a good personality not evil.

The psychological aspect is very interesting for the authors to create the literary works. They depict the psychic condition of human being through their literary works. Here the personality of Anna's as a part of psychological studies gets special attention from Jodi Picoult, one of famous America author. The ways that are done by one of major characters to fulfill his desire are clearly portrayed in one of her novels, *My Sister's Keeper*. *My Sister's Keeper* was published in 2004 by Atria books A division of Simon & Schuster Inc. United States of America, In 407 pages. Jodi Picoult, 42. is the best selling author of fifteen novels: *Songs of the Humpback Whale* (1992), *Harvesting the Heart* (1994), *Picture Perfect* (1995), *Mercy* (1996), *The Pact* (1998), *Keeping Faith* (1999), *Plain Truth* (2000), *Salem Falls* (2001), *Perfect Match* (2002), *Second Glance* (2003), *My Sister's Keeper*(2004), *Vanishing Acts* (2005), *The Tenth Circle* (2006) *Nineteen Minutes*(2007), *Change of*

*Heart* (2008) both of which debuted at number one on the New York Times bestseller list, and her newest novel, *Handle With Care* (2009).

(<http://www.jodipicoult.com>)

Jodi Picoult grew up in Nesconset, New York. She received an Award of Bookseller in creative writing from Princeton and a Master's degree in education from Harvard. She lived in New Hampshire with her husband and three children. Picoult studied creative writing with Mary Morris at Princeton, and has two short stories published in seventeen magazines while still a student. She has a series of different jobs following graduation: as a technical writer for a wall street brokerage firm, as a copy writer at an ad agency, as an editor at a textbook publisher, and as an 8th grade English teacher before entering Harvard to pursue a master's in education. She married Tim Van Leer, whom she had known at Princeton, and it was while she was pregnant with her first child that she wrote her first novel, *Song of the Humpback Whale*. (<http://www.jodipicoult.com>).

As one of Jodi Picoult's novel, *My Sister's Keeper* is very interesting to read. *My Sister's Keeper* tell about Anna Fitzgerald was definitely not a mistake. She was especially designed from her parent's genes to provide a match for her elder sister Kate's rare blood type. Kate has Leukemia, and when Anna was young she donated bone marrow to help with the treatment. Soon however, it was more marrow, blood, stem cells and now, when she is thirteen her parents want her kidney. Into the story where Anna begins to fight against her parents control, and adamantly against giving Kate her kidney she

convinces a lawyer to take her case against her parents - she is suing them for the rights to her own body.

Anna's family's struggle, not only within the legal system but the emotional trials, her parents struggle to understand Anna's motives, as Anna seems also to do at times. At thirteen years old Anna rebels against her parents in one of the most heart wrenching ways possible for both parties, and in particular her alienation of her mother causes all sorts of difficulties within the family. More emphasis is placed on the family side of Anna's battle with the underlying influence of Jesse, the girls' older brother who has been slightly neglected, and perhaps due to the strain of having two frequently hospital sisters has become delinquent and isolated.

Interestingly, Kate does not seem to voice much opinion about Anna's choice to deny her sister a life-saving organ, which adds to the intrigue of the legal battle. Anna's relationship with her lawyer is at times one-sided, as she begins to increasingly rely upon him, and he gets frustrated as he begins to feel like a babysitter. He does however recognize the influence of her controlling mother, and puts her under the care of a legal guardian, which naturally strains family relationships further. Anna's case finally reaches the court, but her battle is far from over. More emotional manipulation and typical insecurities follow, as she stands up for herself in a world of adults.

Considering the explanation and the fact above, the writer is interested in analyzing Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* by using psychoanalytic

Approach, entitled PERSONALITY OF ANNA IN JODI PICOULT'S *MY SISTER'S KEEPER*: A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH.

## B. Literature Review

After looking for literary reviews in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and Sebelas Maret University, the writer has not found the research concerning with the *My Sister's Keeper* novel done by other writers, but after browsing in the internet the writer found there is a research that conducted the study of *My Sister's Keeper*.

In T. Dini Maharani from University of Sumatra Utara Medan, the writer found that she discuss *My Sister's Keeper* novel. The research paper of T. Dini Maharani has entitled "*A Brief Description of Main Character's Morality in Jodi Picoult's Novel My Sister's Keeper*". (T. Dini Maharani, 2010). It is research done in order to find out the characters morality of the novel being researched, and the research focus on main character.

And in Ruri Setia Resmi from Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, the writer found that she discuss Robert Louis Stevenson novel, with Psychoanalytic approach. The research paper of Ruri Setia Resmi has entitled "*Split Personality in Robert Louis Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hype: A Psychoanalytic Approach*". ( Ruri Setia Resmi, 2008). It is a research done in order to find out the Split Personality of the novel being researched.

Although the research used a similar source but it is difference novel. In this research, the writer focused in personality of Anna using Psychoanalytic approach. In this research writer discuss about the *Id*, *Ego*, and *Superego*.

### **C. Problem Statement**

From the background of the study above, the writer would like to state the problem statement as “How is personality of Anna reflected in Jodi Picoult’s *My Sister’s Keeper*”?

### **D. Objective of the Study**

Based on the problem statement above, the writer can propose some objectives of the study below:

1. To analyze the novel based on its structural elements.
2. To analyze the novel based on psychoanalytic approach.

### **E. Limitation of the Study**

To make the research appropriate with the objectives of the study, the writer will make a limitation to the research. The writer will only focus on Personality of Anna in Jodi Picoult’s *My Sister’s Keeper* novel by using psychoanalytic approach.

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

The reason why someone makes a research is to get the benefit from it. By so doing, the writer expects some benefits from this research. Those are:

### **1. Theoretical Benefit:**

By doing this research, the writer hoped to give new contribution and information to the large body of knowledge, particularly the literary studies on *My Sister's Keeper*.

### **2. Practical Benefit**

This research has benefit to give deeper understanding about the content of the play especially from the psychoanalytic approach in Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* novel.

## **G. Research Method**

The research method will be broken down into five; type of the study, object of the study, data and data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

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

In this study, the writer uses a descriptive qualitative research. It is a library research while data source are using literary data. It purposes to analyze the novel using psychoanalytic approach.

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

The object of the study is Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* that is written in 2004, published by Atria A division of Simon and Schuster, United States of America, contains 407 pages.

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

Dealing with research method, there are two points that need to be involved as follows:

a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source of the study is the novel entitled *My Sister's Keeper* written by Jodi Picoult.

b. Secondary Data source

The secondary data are taken from other sources which are related to the primary data that support the analysis. They are books and virtual references.

**4. Technique of the Data Collection**

The method of data collection in this study uses the library research by selecting both primary and secondary data. The writer will involve some required steps.

- a. Reading *My Sister's Keeper* novel.
- b. Taking notes of the influence information both primary and secondary data.
- c. Arranging the data into several groups based on its classifications
- d. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis
- e. Drawing conclusion based on the analysis of the data

**5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

The steps of analyzing the data of this research are by analyzing the structural elements of the work and analyzing the psychoanalytic perspectives of the work. Analyzing the data of this research is trying to clarify the obtained data by selecting the necessary ones.

## **H. Research Paper Organization**

The paper organization is divided into five chapters. Chapter 1 deals with introduction that consists of background of the study benefit of the study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, and objective of the study, benefit of the study and paper organization. Chapter 2 deals with theoretical approach and notion of individual approach. Chapter 3 deals with research method that consists of the object of the study, type of data, type of the study, technique of data analysis. Chapter 4 deals with data analysis and discussion of data analysis and chapter 5 deals with conclusion and suggestion.