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This research paper elaborates the extraordinary endeavours of Helen Keller reflected in The Story of My Life novel by Helen Keller that are analyzed through an Individual Psychological approach. The objectives of the research are to analyze the structural elements of the novel and the personality of Helen Keller as the major character in Helen Keller’s The Story of My Life based on an Individual Psychological approach.

In conducting this research, the researcher uses a qualitative research, in which the primary data taken from the text of the novel and the secondary data taken from other data related to the research such as some books of Individual Psychological perspective theories, internet, and other relevant sources. The method to analyze the data is descriptive analysis.

Having analyzed the novel, the researcher comes to the conclusions. First, based on the structural analysis of the novel, the structural elements of the novel, such as the character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style and theme, present a solid unity. Second, based on an Individual Psychological Perspective analysis, it shows that the personality of Helen Keller is influenced by her inferiority feelings of her physical lacks to strive for superiority to limit her boundaries by using her extraordinary endeavours. The basic principles of an Individual Psychology construct a unity viewed from Helen’s personality to penetrate her boundaries.