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You could be the hero
You could get the gold
Breaking all the records that thought never could be broke
Do it for your people
Do it for your pride
Never gonna know if you never even try
(Hall of Fame – The Script)

Your dream is a half your reality.
(The Researcher)
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SUMMARY


This research paper elaborates about destiny and selfishness of Bella in Meyer’s Breaking Dawn novel, which is analyzed through existentialist psychoanalytic perspective. The objectives of the research are to analyze the novel based on its structural elements and to analyze the novel especially the main character based on the existentialist psychoanalytic perspective.

The researcher employs the descriptive qualitative research as a type of the research. The data sources are divided into two, namely primary data source and secondary data source. The primary data source is Breaking Dawn novel by Stephenie Meyer and the secondary data source is collected from other documents discussing about existentialist psychoanalytic, literary books, criticism, and articles related to the novel. The technique of analyzing data is descriptive analysis.

The results of the study are as follows. First, based on the structural analysis it is apparent that in this novel, the author conveys a moral message that love and selfishness is sometimes indistinguishable. Second, based on the existentialist psychoanalytic analysis, the author illustrates a psychological phenomenon in which an individual is torn between two different qualities, whether she wants to make her life meaningful by becoming as she is, or to fulfill her wishes by becoming somebody other than herself.

Keywords: Love and Selfishness, Bella, Breaking Dawn novel, Existentialist Psychoanalytic perspective
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