

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### **A. Background of the Study**

In our life in the world, struggle can be seen in a society. Generally, struggle means some efforts to reach something. Everyone have a different meaning about it. Many people argue about struggle meaning, such as struggle of life, struggle for justice, struggle for human right, struggle for freedom, struggle for love, struggle to get a job, struggle for survive, etc. basically, every people live want to make a life better than before. People will do everything to get it. They must work hardly and struggle to get better. So, human being has the same purpose of her or his life.

On the other hand, human's aim occurs as subjective; it means it exists inside of the personality as on ideal or wish that can influence the individual's behavior. People want to realize their dream in life. They want to get success, happiness, and peace. From these people have secret plans that occur in their unconscious mind and they will struggle too many interferes although what they believe is just their imagination.

One of the examples of describing that condition is reflected in the novel *My Sister's Keeper* directed by Jodi Picoult. The story begin from illness of Anna Fitzgerald's older sister, Kate, suffers from acute promyelocytic leukemia, a blood and bone marrow cancer. Anna was born specifically so she could save Kate's life. At first it is successful, but the

cancer continues to relapse throughout Kate's life. Anna is usually willing to donate whatever Kate needs, but when she turns 13, 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 could 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 and item 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. Unbeknown to Julia, Campbell left her because he discovered he had epilepsy and thought she deserved better.

Meanwhile, Anna's brother Jesse, who has spent most of his life being ignored in favor of ill Kate or donor Anna, spends most of his time setting fire to abandoned buildings with home-made explosives and doing

drugs. He is a self-confessed juvenile delinquent. The one moment when his parents pay him any attention is when Brian discovers that it is Jesse who has been 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 emancipation because she did not want Anna to have to transplant, and because she believes that she will die anyway. The judge rules in 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, the on-call firefighter who arrives at the scene, retrieves an unconscious and injured Anna from the wreckage of the crushed car and rushes her and Campbell to hospital. At the hospital, the doctor informs Sara and Brian 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 prepared for surgery, and Anna's kidney is successfully transplanted. Kate survives the surgery and remains in remission for at least six years (the book ends in 2010).

Kate believes that she survived because someone had to go, and Anna took her place. Six years later, she works as a dance instructor. She mentions that every time she sees two girls doing plies at the bare she thinks of how she and Anna used to be.

Jodi Picoult is a novelist who comes from America. From 1992 until 2008, she has written 15 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), then *Nineteen Minutes* (2007) which has been on the list of New York Times bestseller, and her most recent novel, *Change of Heart* (2008).

Jodi married with the Team of Van Leer, recognized during her lecture in Princeton. When she had her first child pregnancy, she wrote the novel *Songs of the Humpback Whale*. Jodi, Team and their third child, nowadays live in the Hanover, New Hampshire, with two dogs Springer, two cats, two geese, three parrots, six chickens and an ox Holstein.

Jodi Picoult has been recognized for various appreciations, for example New England Bookseller Award 2003 for the writer of fiction book. Alex Award from Young Adult Library Services Association sponsored by Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust and Booklist, as one from 10 adult writers having caring to young people. The book *Change of Heart* was awarded Diamond Award to categorize the novel of the year. Appreciation for a lifetime (Lifetime Achievement Award) for the Fiction of Especial from American Romance Writer Association (the Romance Writers of America - 'Fearless

Fiction' Award 2007 from magazine Cosmopolitan · Waterstone's Author of the Year in English, and · Vermont Green Mountain Book Award.

Recently, Jodi Picoult also writes five edition of book of comic of Wonder Woman for the publisher of DC Comics. Its Books, have been translated by into 34 language in 35 state, including Indonesia. Two among its book - The Pact and Plain Truth - have been made to become the television film, and third, The Tenth Circle, air will in Lifetime summer 2009. Meanwhile, *My Sister's Keeper* nowadays is being tilled to become a wide screen film by New of Lino Cinema with the stage manager of Nick Cassavetes and stared by the actress of Cameron Diaz.

On observing the novel she have some reason that basically she takes from the novel. In first reason, *My Sister's Keeper* novel have a background from family story. Novel teaches to how become good parents, good sister, and good self. Beside that this novel tell about struggle of family for survive their daughter.

Second reason, especially of this novel are, we can follow this story from many side from all of character in novel. Any five people Fitzgerald families that become center point, Campbell that is a lawyer, and Julia. Every chapter shows different side people to react to same problem, in finally to carry you more know and understand about this story Fitzgerald family to stand leukemia on Kate.

And last, third reason, *My Sister's Keeper Novel* recommended for peoples that appreciated how life complex as people, that all not to go like

they want. This novel is real evidence ability for survive life in top of big tragedy, and tasteless for your insight about patient emotion, because peoples that loving her also get problem that no upper end. This story, can lead you know about good responsibility, and know meaning a decision for your life, and other that near from you.

Other reason, why the researcher choose struggle for the issue in the research paper, because the novel is tell about major character's struggle and the researcher will analyze major character's problem only on her research paper. While, why the researcher choose individual psychological theory on analyze the major character because on analyze the major character because the researcher just analyze major character's problem, just problem individual of the major character. So, the researcher thinks individual psychological are suitable for her researcher paper.

The researcher is interested in observing a struggle of Anna Fitzgerald life in *My Sister's Keeper* novel. This research will observe about Anna Fitzgerald's life to struggle the life herself with an Individual Psychological Perspective. This research is entitled **“STRUGGLE OF ANNA FITZGERALD’S LIFE IN JODI PICOULT’S *MY SISTER’S KEEPER* NOVEL (2004): AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH”**

## **B. Literature Review**

There are two previous researches that have been written on *My Sister's Keeper* novel by Jodi Picoult.

The first, previous research was conducted by Alwafa, graduated from Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta (2011). The title of the research is “Personality of Anna in Jodi Picoult’s *My Sister’s Keeper*; A Psychoanalytic Approach”. In this study researcher presents Personality of Anna in the *My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. The researcher used the descriptive qualitative method and a psychoanalytic approach. There are several similarities from the previous research above with the research of the writer, such as about the data source and object of research, also about the method to analyze the research is using descriptive qualitative. And there is difference see from the study. Here, the writer analyzes The Struggle of Anna Fitzgerald’s life in Jodi Picoult’s *My Sister’s Keeper* novel, and then the writer uses an individual psychological approach of the research.

The second, previous research was conducted by Ratnasari, graduated from Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta (2011). The title of the research is “Struggle for Right in Jodi Picoult’s *My Sister’s Keeper*; an Individual Psychological”. In this study researcher presents the Struggle of major character in the *My Sister’s Keeper* novel by Jodi Picoult. The researcher used the descriptive qualitative method and an individual psychological approach. There are several similarities from the previous research above with the research of the writer, such as about the data source, about the issue, about the method to analyzes the research is using descriptive qualitative and also using an individual psychological. And there

is difference is seen from the study. Here, the writer analyzes The Struggle of Anna Fitzgerald's life in Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* novel.

### **C. Problem Statement**

Based on the title and background of the study above, the problem of study is formulated as follow: "How is the struggle reflected in the main character's Anna Fitzgerald's life in Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* Novel (2004)?"

### **D. Limitation of the Study**

To carry out the study, the researcher needs to limits the study. The researcher is going to analyze Anna Fitzgerald as one of the major character in Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's keeper* novel based on an individual psychological approach.

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

Based on the problems above, the writer formulates the objective of the study. They are as follows:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the *My Sister's Keeper* novel.
2. To analyze the struggle of Anna Fitzgerald's life in the *My Sister's Keeper* novel based on an individual psychological approach.

## **F. Benefits of the Study**

There are some benefits of this research will contribute in:

### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

Theoretically, the study gives additional information and knowledge to the other literary researcher and to reader, especially in the study of the literary on Jodi Picoult's *My Sister Keeper* novel.

### **2. Practical Benefit**

The researcher gets some information about an individual psychological approach to analyze this movie and the writer can applied in a literary work, particularly on Jodi Picoult's *My Sister Keeper* novel.

## **G. Research Method**

The research method is divided into five parts:

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

In this research, the writer uses a qualitative research. The qualitative are data based on the novel *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

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

The object of this study is Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* Novel.

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

In doing this study, the researcher used two sources of data, namely primary and secondary data sources.

a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source was taken from *My Sister's Keeper* novel itself, by Jodi Picoult.

b. Secondary Data Source

The secondary data was about the biography of the director, some book, encyclopedias, websites about *My Sister's Keeper* novel and another data related to this study.

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

The researcher used the technique data collection in this study by library research which is conducted by collecting both the primary data and the secondary data. The steps are as follow:

- a. Reading the novel comprehensively and repeatedly.
- b. Identifying the topic of novel.
- c. Determining the major character that will be analyzed.
- d. Some related books to find out theory, data, and information required.
- e. Reading comprehensively the primary and secondary data sources and taking a note.
- f. Accessing internet to get several information
- g. Arranging the data into several categories
- h. Drawing conclusion based on the data analysis.

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

In analysis data, the researcher employs descriptive analysis. The data will be collected, describe and analyzed. The researcher concerns with the relationship between the novel and the individual psychological theory to analyze the major character reflected in *My Sister's Keeper* novel.

## **H. Research Paper Organization**

To make this study clear, understandable, and systematic, this study is divided into five chapters. Chapter I is Introduction; it consists of Background of Study, Literary Review, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Objective of the study, Benefits of the Study, Research Method, and Research Paper Organization. Chapter II is Underlying Theory; it consists of notion of Individual Psychological, Basic Concept of Individual Psychology, Structure Elements of Novel, and Theoretical Application. Chapter III is covers the Structural Analysis that consists of Structural Elements of the Novel that includes Character and Characterization, Setting, Plot, Point of View, style and Theme of the Novel and Discussion. Besides that, this chapter also contains discussion of the Structural Elements of the Novel. Chapter IV is about Individual Psychological Approach toward the novel. Chapter V is divided into two parts namely Conclusion and Suggestion.