

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

My Sister's Keeper is a novel by Jodi Picoult and was published by Simon & Schuster .Inc in 2004. The book was first published in Australia. It is the eleventh novel wrote by Jodi Picoult. The novel consists of 432 pages. In 2009 *My Sister's Keeper* was adapted in a film with the same title *My Sister's Keeper* presented by New Line Cinema. My Sister's Keeper was a big-screen released from New Line Cinema, with Nick Cassavetes directing and Cameron Diaz starring, which is now available in DVD.

Picoult was born and raised in Nesconset on Long Island, New York. Her first story, at age 5 was "*The Lobster Which Misunderstood.*" She studied writing at Princeton University, graduating in 1987, and had two short stories published by Seventeen Magazine while still in college. Immediately after graduation, she took on a series of miscellaneous jobs, from editing at a textbook publishing company to teaching eighth grade English classes. Soon after, she attended Harvard University to earn her master's degree in education. She is married to Tim Van Leer whom she met while in college. They have three children, Sammy, Kyle, and Jake, and a handful of pets, live in Hanover, New Hampshire.

The other literary works by Jodi Picoult are *Songs Of The Humpback Whale*, *Harvesting The Heart*, *Picture Perfect*, *Mercy*, *The Pact*, *Keeping Faith*, *Plain*

Truth, Salem Falls, Perfect Match, Second Glance, My Sister's Keeper, Vanishing Acts, The Truth Circle, Nineteen Minutes, Change Of Heart, Handle With Care, House Rules, Sing You Home, the last five of which debuted at number one on the New York Times bestseller list *The Wolf*, and her newest novel, *The Storyteller*.

This novel is the story about a 13th year old girl named Anna Fitzgerald's sacrifice to save her sister Kate from leukemia. Anna is a daughter from couple Sara and Brian. At the beginning, Brian and Sara Fitzgerald lived peacefully with their kids, Jesse, and Kate. When, this family was surprised by bruises like clover on Kates's shoulders. Sara took her to the hospital to get her cured and got very surprised when hermatologist said that Kate had suffered an acute promyelocytic leukemia or APL. Doctor said that she needed blood cells, and bone marrow donor, but no one was suitable with her not even her family. Sara then decided to get pregnant for a baby that could be genetically programmed to be a suitable donor for Kate. It was a baby girl named Anna. Over the years, Anna had always been as a donor for her sister Kate. She had gone through many times of injection, blood transfusion and surgery to donate her blood cells, and bone marrow for Kate to fight her APL. Unfortunately, Kate's condition was getting worse so that she got kidney failure.

Anna started to balk. She began to ask a question the goal of her life. How long does she have to be a donor for her sister? Being sick of spending time in the hospital during the medical procedure which was done not for her benefit and living in her sister's image. Anna decided to hire a quite famous lawyer named Campbell Alexander to sue her parents for getting a medical emancipation.

Anna's parent was surprised when they received a petition from the court about Anna's said, Sara got very angry. Campbell was afraid of Anna changing her mind because of the influences of her parent. He explained about Anna's condition in court and asked the court to sent Anna to live separately from her mother. Her father, Brian, who was aware of Anna's condition, took initiative to bring her to live with him in the fire department base camp. In the first trial, when Brian was waiting for his turn, he suddenly got a service call because there is a school building burned.

In the last trial, Anna revealed that it was Kate who pushed her to refuse her kidney donor. Anna never had any problem to give one of her kidneys, but Kate convinced her to not to do this and got the lawyer. Anna and Campbell won the case. She received a medical emancipation. On the way to visiting Kate in the hospital, Anna and Campbell got an accident. Campbell is fine, but Anna got brain death, she could not be saved. Therefore, Anna's organ was donated to Kate who needed her kidney. Long after Anna passed away, everything goes normal. Kate was alive because the kidney transplantation was successful, Jesse became a cop, Julia and Campbell got married, Brian and Sara were still grieved.

My Sister's Keeper is one of the novels which are interesting to read. Jodi Picoult as the author of this novel shows off her ability towards the reader. She has done a great job in presenting the dilemma and conflict in this novel. She takes the conflicting issue and handles it with compassion, sensitivity, and an infinite amount of grace. This novel is categorized as the best seller novel with rating 1,553,639 in Books. This novel got awards Best Book of The Year 2005,

Winner of the Margaret Alexander Edward, Winner of the 2006-2007 Maryland Black Eyed Susan Book Award, Virginia Reader's Choice Award 2007.

In *My Sister's Keeper* novel there are main characters. They are Anna and her mother Sara, the protagonist is Anna. Picoult plays nicely in moving the characters. She explores the dimension of emotional and moral dilemma in which Anna has been around through different perspective from herself and her family. Jodi Picoult employs a unique style in ordering each chapter. All of characters have been a narrator. On the first chapter she draws Anna as the narrator, the second chapter she draws on Sara as the narrator. On the other chapter she draws Campbell, Julia, Brian, Jesse, and Kate as the narrator. The story which took place in modern long island, deals with the illness of 16 year old Kate who has suffered from leukemia most of her life. Trying to save their daughter Kate's parent Sara and Brian decide to have another baby name Anna save her sister. In this story Picoult uses flashback plot technique from the beginning to the end of the story. This technique is not easy. It is quite different for most reader because it requires the power of memory and a deep understanding.

There are three reasons why the researcher is interested in studying this novel. The researcher is interested in studying this novel firstly because it is the realistic novel. Based on the true story of family life. In America a couple successfully to conceive a sibling that was a bone marrow match for his older sister. A girl who was suffered a rare leukemia. His cord blood cells were given to the sister who is still in remission. This story also drew from the author

experience as a parent with a child who faced a series of surgeries. When her middle son Jake was 5 he was diagnosed with bilateral tumors in his ears.

The second reason is because this novel tells the story about the struggle of a 13 year old girl to get the medical emancipation from her parents. Anna Fitzgerald who is willing sacrifice her life to save her sister Kate from her suffered a rare leukemia.

The third reason is because this book contains many good values for the readers. Behind its amusing story the readers can get some moral messages that are implied in the story. In this story tell about how to be a good sibling and good parents.

The researcher uses the psychoanalytic criticism as an approach to analyze this novel. By so doing, the writer gives the title: **“BETWEEN SELFISH AND ALTRUISTIC DESIRES IN JODI PICOULT’S NOVEL *MY SISTER’S KEEPER* (2004): A PSYCHOANALYTIC CRITICISM”**.

B. Previous Study

For the study the researcher found so many researchers analyzing *My Sister’s Keeper*. First is done by Citra Pantow (2013) Faculty of Art Sam Ratulangi University who writes a paper entitled “Anna Fitzgerald’s Conflicts In The Novel *My Sister’s Keeper* By Jodi Picoult”. She is focusing to identify Anna Fitzgerald’s inner and physical conflict in the story and the cause and effects to Anna Fitzgerald. In the study, she uses the intrinsic and extrinsic approaches to

analyze Anna Fitzgerald's Conflicts in The Novel *My Sister's Keeper* By Jodi Picoult.

Second researcher is Irma Astuti (2009) Faculty of English Education Ahmad Dahlan University of Yogyakarta who writes a paper entitled "An Analysis of Sara's Personality in Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper*". She is focusing to describe the characterization of Sara, to describe personality of Sara and to describe the factors that influence the personality of Sara. In the study, she uses a psychological approach to analyze An Analysis of Sara's Personality In Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper*.

Third is a summarize and review by Ikasari Nurcahyani and Dwi Wulandari, S.S,M.A. (2012) English Department Faculty of Humanity Diponegoro University Semarang who write "A Book Review Of *My Sister's Keeper* Written By Jodi Pacolet". They are focusing to summarize and to review *My Sister's Keeper* novel which is written by Jodi Picoult. The review includes theme, characters, plot, style and technique of using irony to make an unpredictable story.

Fourth is a thesis by Novi Ridho'ah (2008) Faculty of English Education Ahmad Dahlan University of Yogyakarta who writes a paper entitled "The Sue of Medical Emancipation of The Main Character in Jodi Picoult Novel's *My Sister's Keeper*". She is focusing to describe the characterization of the main character observed psychologically. In the study, she uses a psychological approach.

The last is a research paper done by Nurfatimah Zainal (2013) English Department Faculty of Adab and Cultural Sciences State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta who write a paper entitled "Not All Children Are

Created Equal: Discrimination Against Children As Seen In *My Sister's Keeper*". She is focusing to explain how the discrimination against children in society as seen in *My Sister's Keeper*. In the study, she uses a discrimination against children to analyze Not All Children Are Created Equal: Discrimination Against Children as Seen In *My Sister's Keeper*.

From the analysis above the researcher tries to make a different analysis. The writer uses a psychoanalytic criticism to analyze the data and using *My Sister's Keeper* novel as an object. The researcher analyzes Between Selfish and Altruistic Desires in Jodi Picoult's Novel *My Sister's Keeper* (2004): Psychoanalytic Criticism.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background of the study, the researcher concerns to analyze "Between Selfish and Altruistic Desires in Jodi Picoult's Novel *My Sister's Keeper* (2004) ".

D. Limitation of the Study

In this research, the researcher focuses on the analysis of Between Selfish and Altruistic Desires in Jodi Picoult's Novel *My Sister's Keeper*, published on 2004.

E. Objectives of the Study

The objective of the study is the following:

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

F. Benefits of the Study

The benefits of the study as follow:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The study is projected to give novel contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge, particularly in the literary studies.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich the knowledge and experience of the writer and other students at UMS or other universities interested in literary studies.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher applied qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using psychoanalytic criticism. The steps to conduct the research are as: 1) determining the type of the study, 2) determining data and data source, 4) determining technique of data collection, and finally, 5) determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the research is Between Selfish and Altruistic Desires in Jodi Picoult's Novel *My Sister's Keeper* (2004): Psychoanalytic Criticism.

3. Types of the Data and the Data Source

Object of the research is:

a. Primary Data

The primary data sources are taken from Jodi Picoult's Novel *My Sister's Keeper*.

b. Secondary Data

The secondary data sources are taken from literary books or any information related to selfish and altruistic desires that support the psychoanalytic criticism.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The researcher used documentation as the method of collecting data in this research. The steps are as follows:

- a. Reading comprehension the novel repeatedly.
- b. Reading translation novel to get more understanding.
- c. Reading some related reference to observe the theory, data and information.
- d. Accessing to the internet to get several information and articles related to the object of the study.
- e. Making a summary and determining (title, issue, topic, theory) about that novel.
- f. Drawing conclusion based on the data analysis.

5. Technique of Data Analysis

The technique that is use for analyzing the data is descriptive qualitative method. It means that the researcher describes the text and content analysis to get the characteristic of the data to psychoanalytic criticism analysis of the novel *My Sister's Keeper*. Then, the researcher interprets those data through the study.

H. Paper Organization

This research consists of five chapters. *Chapter I* is Introduction, which consists of background, previous study, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, research methodology, and the last is paper organization. *Chapter II* comprises of the Underlying theory, which presents notion of Psychoanalytic criticism, the structure of personality, the notion of selfish and altruistic desires and theoretical application. *Chapter III* is Structural analysis of the novel, which involves the structural elements of character and characterization, setting, point of view, plot, style, theme and discussion. *Chapter IV* constitutes Psychoanalytic analysis of the novel. The last is *Chapter V* which draws Conclusion and Suggestion.