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ABSTRACT

This research paper is analyzed by using behaviorist approach elaborates the influence of love on the major character’s behavior in A Walk to Remember novel. The objective of the research is to analyze the novel based on behaviorist approach. This research paper belongs to a descriptive qualitative research. The data of the research is the novel entitled A Walk to Remember. The data source comes from primary data and secondary data. The primary data source is A Walk to Remember novel and secondary data source of the research are biography of the author, websites, and other source about behaviorist criticism that support the analysis. The method to analyze this data is descriptive analysis. Based on the behaviorist criticism analysis, the researcher concludes that several relationships have a great contribution in shaping one’s personality and behavior. From behaviorist analysis the influence of love on the major character can be seen from the family relationship, friend relationship, and romance relationship that appear in the novel. Every relationship gives different influence. Those influences make him improve his life better by learning from his experiences during his life.

Key words: love, behavior, behaviorist Approach
A. Introduction

1. Background of the Study

Love is a gift from God to our life. According to McGrath (2002) in The Power of Love, “Love is the best antidepressant”. It means that love is very important in human life, because love is always giving peacefulness and pleasure to other. In the relationship, love is carrying the disparity of two persons into one. According to Michael R. Liebowitz in Human Development, he defines that love has unique chemical basis, perhaps associated with phenylthyamine (a compound related to the amphetamines) (Zanden, 1985: 388). The most powerful activators of the bran’s pleasure centers are the combinations of love and romance. Sometime, the love can carry person behavior become different.

The relationship between love and behavior is near. Baron and Branscombe (2012: 241) in Social Psychology concluded that love is combination of emotions, cognitions, and behaviors that can be involved in intimate relationships. Love leads people to become different. Skinner assumed that all behavior is lawfully determined, predictable, and able to be brought under environmental control (Ziegler and Hjelle, 1992: 299). To understand behavior is to control it, and vice versa. It means that an environment influences on human behavior. If people live in good environment they will to be good also, and vice versa.

*A Walk to Remember* is 1999 book that tells about the influence of love on person’s behavior. The story of *A Walk to Remember* starts with a prologue from Landon Carter at age fifty seven years old that reminder of the story takes place when Landon is a seventeen year old senior high school and ends when he was around fifty seven years old. He tells about Landon Carter’s experiences of life that was meeting him with a girl, namely Jamie Sullivan. His works narrative and contains any conflicts that are described within the
context of the story. In particular the conflicts in the story are connected with friends, family, and romance relationship. It is a memoir that has 150 pages. A Walk to Remember novel was written by Nicholas Sparks. ([www.bookbrowse.com/.../index.../nicholas-sparks](http://www.bookbrowse.com/.../index.../nicholas-sparks))

There are four reasons, why the researcher is interested to analyze this novel. Firstly, the characters and characterization of A Walk to Remember novel, especially the character of Landon Carter. Landon is the son of a genial, charismatic congressman, Worth Carter in Washington, D.C. and his mother, Cynthia Carter lived apart from his father. He grow become reclusive boy, because of less of love. Secondly, the students can understand the meaning of love in this novel that can add knowledge to the students at an educational institution. Not only for two people between man and women in a relationship but for all human in the world. Love is a special thing that important for their lives. The third reason is this study can be beneficial for students with moral values contained in this research that love has influence on person behavior showed by the experiences life of Landon Carter. Landon Carter used to be a naughty boy and he never cares about her school. After he met Jamie Sullivan, his behavior becomes different. Then, the fourth A walk to Remember is a popular novel written by Nicholas Sparks in 1999. It can be seen from the fact in which the novel has been adapted into movie. The novel was adapted into movie at 2002.

The researcher decides to use a behaviorist perspective proposed by B. F. Skinner to analyze the novel because the theory is more appropriate with the theme of novel. The novel shows how the influence of love on Landon Carter’s behavior as the main character. For that reason, the writer conducts this research paper entitled THE INFLUENCE OF LOVE ON LANDON CARTER’S BEHAVIOR IN NICHOLAS SPARKS’ A WALK TO REMEMBER (1999): A BEHAVIORIST PERSPECTIVE.
2. Literature Reviews

There are some literature reviews that analyzed the novel; the first literature review is from Merry Christina of Sanata Dharma University studied the novel with research entitled *A The Values of Love As Reflected In Nicholas Sparks’ A Walk to Remember*. In her review, she focused on Nicholas Sparks’ *A Walk to Remember* present love through the character and conflict and the values of love seen the novel. She concludes that the values of love may cover lots of element in life. There are about honesty, forgiveness, truth, to give with all the heart, to share, and most of all, an everlasting love will never die. Those elements can be seen from the major character named Jamie Sullivan. With the power of love, we believe that we are able to do everything (Christina, 2007: viii).

Yulia Frida Puspitasari of Sanata Dharma University studied the novel with thesis entitled *The Influence of Jamie Sullivan’s Emotion towards her Motivation to struggle for Life As Seen In Nicholas Spark’s A Walk to Remember*. In her review, she focused on Jamie Sullivan’s character portrayed in *A Walk to remember*, the influence of leukemia toward Jamie Sullivan’s emotion and Jamie Sullivan’s emotion influence her motivation to struggle for life. She concludes that Jamie Sullivan’s suffering from leukemia, makes she feels afraid of death, but she does not show her fear explicitly. Jamie Sullivan’s emotion becomes the conviction of Jamie Sullivan to struggle for life. There are some reasons which motivate her to struggle of life. One of them is her strong faith and her love toward Landon Carter (Puspitasari, 2006: viii).

Bernard Setiaji Fergantoro Widodo of Sanata Dharma University studied the novel with research entitled *Factors Influencing the Recovery Process of Jamie in A Walk to Remember*. In his research, he focused on Jamie’s characterization as the main character, the factors that influence Jamie’s recovery process and the effects of the factors toward Jamie’s recovery process. He concludes that the result of his
research is not as the same as she wants, with all factors that influence her recovery process; Jamie Sullivan has more power in accepting the reality that she suffers cancer and has more respect to her life.

Rahajeng Sariningdyas Auroria of UMS studied the novel for her research entitled *Landon Carter's Personalities Development in Adam Shankman’s A Walk To Remember Movie: A Psychoanalytic Approach*. It focused on the main character of the novel through a movie version. *She concludes that* the personalities development of Landon Carter are shown by the structural elements which build the film such as characters, setting, plot, theme, and scene from psychoanalysis perspective through the system personality of Landon Carter.

In this study the researcher will analyze the novel with different title and approach. The researcher uses a behaviorist approach with the research entitled *The Influence Of Love On Landon Carter’s Behavior In Nicholas Sparks’ A Walk To Remember (1999): A Behaviorist Perspective*.

3. Problem Statement

Based on the research background above, the major problem of this study is “How is the influence of love on Landon Carter’s behavior in Nicholas Sparks’ *A Walk to Remember* novel?”

4. Objective the Study

Based on the problem that has been stated above, the objective of the study is to describe the influence of love on Landon Carter’s behavior in Nicholas Sparks ‘*A Walk to Remember* novel based on the behaviorist perspective.
5. Benefit of the Study

The benefits expected from this research are:

a. Theoretical Benefit

   The researcher hopes that she can give contribution in criticizing a literary work and producing criticism as objective as possible.

b. Practical Benefit

   1) The result can be used to know how the influence of love on human’s behavior.
   2) The researcher hopes that the result of this research can be used to do research by next researcher related to behaviorist perspective, especially on Nicholas Sparks’ *A Walk to Remember* novel.

6. Underlying Theory

In order to know the influence of love on Landon Carter’s behavior reflected at Nicholas Sparks’ *A Walk to Remember* novel (1999), the researcher uses behaviorist perspective. This approach is appropriate to analyze the influence of love to Landon Carter’s behavior in this novel. The researcher will present the notion of Behaviorism, Principle of Psychological Behaviorism, Relationship between Love and Behavior, and Theoretical Application.

B. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

   *A Walk to Remember* novel is analyzed uses qualitative research. The data sources library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using behaviorist criticism. The steps to conduct the research are as follow: (1) determining the type of the study, (2) determining the object of the study, (3) 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 study is *A Walk to Remember* novel by Nicholas Sparks was published in 1999, to discuss the influence of love that reflected in the main character’s personality.

3. **Types of the Data and the Data Source Object**

   There are two types of data, namely primary and secondary data. The primary data sources are taken from Nicholas Sparks’ *A Walk to Remember*. The secondary data source includes references and data or materials related to the research, it is form the books and internet.

4. **Technique of the Data Collection**

   The researcher used take notes as the method of collecting data in this research. The steps are as follows: Reading the novel, identifying and marking the point of the novel, determining the major character that will be analyzed, taking notes of information in both primary data and secondary data source, arranging the data into several parts based on classification, analyzing the data of research on B. F. Skinner theory of behaviorist perspective, drawing conclusion based on the analysis data.

5. **Technique of the Data Analysis**

   The steps taken by the researcher in analyzing the data are as follows, the first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing the data based on a behaviorist perspective. Focus will be paid on the influence of love to behavior.
C. Research Finding

1. The Source of Love Influence on Landon Carter’s Behavior
   
   a. Love of Landon’s Family

   Landon is the only boy who missed an affection of his father. His father lives apart because his father works in Washington. Landon and his mother stay at Beaufort, North Carolina. Since Landon was child, he spent his time in Beaufort. He grew up without father on his side. His father was very busy and spent nine months of the year living out of town in a Washington, D.C. His parents wanted Landon to grow up as way as their parents had. Because of this situation Landon becomes rebellious boy and lack of response with his father. He thinks that every word which his father said is a rule. This condition of his family makes Landon Carter rebel. The fact above shows that Landon gets influence of his family. Thus, love of family really important to grow up a child.

   b. Friends’ Love

   Social relationship and human being cannot be separated with each other. Social relationship gives influence on person behavior whether the effect is bad or good. Friendship environment has influence on Landon Carter’s behavior. Landon is often spending his time with his friends in the graveyard to laugh and eat boiled peanuts. His friends give effects for his style. Everything that he wants to do is always considering with his friends. Once, Landon requires attending homecoming dance. He invites many girls but he gets a refusal. There is one girl that he didn’t invite yet. He doubts because the girl is very religious and old style. He was afraid of being teased by his friends. This condition shows that friendship has great effect for person behavior.
c. **Romance Relationship**

Romance relationship is the greatest environment that influenced on person behavior. The novel shows that Landon behavior is influenced by love of Jamie. Jamie Sullivan is a kind, helpful and think always positively of other people. The high intensity time of meeting each other has greatly influences on the behavior of Landon. It shows that Jamie gives important experience to him. Landon changes his behavior to be better, although in bad condition.

2. **Negative and Positive Influence on Landon’s Behavior**

Social interaction means that an individual gets influence from the others. It is not only good influence but also bad influence. In the novel, Landon Carter gets the influence of love from family, friendship and romance relationship on his behavior. Landon gets good and bad influence from them but the good influence is more dominant.

a. **Bad Influence on Landon Carter’s Personality**

There are two bad influences on Landon Carter’s personality:

1) **Reclusive**

In the beginning of this novel, Landon is a student senior high school who is growing up. His father lives apart from him because he is a congressman. Landon and his mother stay at Beaufort, North Carolina while his father at Washington. His father was very busy and he spent nine months of the year, living out of town in a Washington. During the condition, the love of family gives negatives influence on Landon Carter’s behavior. Landon is growing up to be reclusive boy because less of family’s love.

2) **Rebel**

Landon is also growing up to be a rebellious boy. He is not good at anything, and his main source of pleasure seems
to be hangout at graveyard with his friends. Actually, what Landon does as a mirror of his friends did. He ever teases Hegbert with “Hegbert is a fornicator”.

b. Positive Influence on Landon’s Behavior

There are three positive influences on Landon’s behavior:

1) Responsible

   Romance relationship creates Landon become different. The way Landon to think and does is more responsible. Through Jamie he learns how to behave selflessly, with consideration for others. He pleasurably helps the others as Jamie does. He more cares around him. He was growing up to be wiser. In the novel, Landon participated in the drama performance. Eric thinks that Landon has stupid plan for the play. Apparently he had not planned on it. It shows that Landon behaves responsibly.

2) Religion and Fight

   Jamie gives the greatest influence on Landon Carter experience. In the novel, religious faith is reprinted only in the Jamie Sullivan as seen through the immature eyes of Landon Carter. Landon attends church only because everyone is expected to do so not from his personality. After Landon knew that Jamie was dying of leukemia, he reads the bible more often. He is also reading the bible together with Jamie when he visits her. Jamie also influences on his faith. Landon has faith although he does not really know what he is talking about, and knows that he does not.

3) Generous

   As often as Landon met Jamie makes him to be generous to others. In the novel, Landon helps Jamie to collect cans and jars that are spread in several places. Landon is very optimizing that he can collect all them. After he collects all
cans and jars, he knows that it was not a lot of money. So, he promises that he will give over the money to Jamie.

3. Personality Development

Landon’s personality is developed by the influence of family, friends, and romance relationship. Each of them has their own influence and these influences are different. That influence is not only positive but also negative influence.

Since he was a baby, he lives with his mother. His father lives apart in Washington. He lives in less of family’s love. It makes him grow up become a bad boy and never respect to other. His behavior was change since the condition.

The influence from family member makes he fell less of father’s love. That situation makes him more rebellious. He likes to hang out with his friends in the graveyard and eats boiled peanut. He teased a church minister with fascinator. (Sparks, 1999: 9)

His friends also have bad influence for him. They like to hang out in Cecil’s Dinner only for gossip. Jamie Sullivan is always to be a victim of them. They often gossip about all of her, such her style, her bible and her attitude. (Sparks, 1999: 20)

When he was attending to drama performance, he gets influence from Jamie, because he falls in love with her and because he often met Jamie every day. Landon learns much value of life such helps other, forgiveness, patience and kindness. (Sparks, 1999: 145-146)

Jamie always gives good stimulus to him in the form of personality. That makes him respond all stimuli from her in the form of his behavior. He also learns by environment around him which helps him more grow up and responsible.

The explanations above show that Landon’s personality has developed from beginning until his falling in love. He gets positive reinforcement and negative reinforcement from family, friends, and
romance relationship. He responds all and learns the environment well. Those make him improve his life better by learning from his experiences during his life.

4. Discussion

Through *A Walk to Remember* wants to show how the major character tries to face all problems in her life how the love influences person his behavior. In this novel Nicholas Sparks shows the condition of environment when Landon Carter is growing up. In this case the changing behavior that is being discussed is family, friendship, and relationship.

The novel describes the role of every member in the environment especially family, friendship, and relationship in shaping Landon Carter’s behavior. Landon gets many influences that come from his that environment. Nicholas Sparks creates Landon Carter as a man who is rebellious, likes to hangout and lacks of love. He also has bad social life with his other friend in school. The author also describes him as a boy of congressman from Washington. His father lives apart from him. Landon missed the roles of a father in his life. Thus, the family gives contribution in shaping his behavior.

Friendship is another contribution in shaping his behavior. They often spend their time together in the graveyard or Cecil’s Dinner. They like teasing Jamie and her father. It makes Landon become a bad boy. The greatest contribution is from romance relationship. During Landon is falling in love with Jamie, his behavior becomes different. He really learns much from Jamie’s attitude. He learns the value of forgiveness, patience, kindness and etc.

Each of relationship gives different influence to him. Family and his friends give negative influence to him. Family gives stimuli with loneliness. This stimulus is responded by him in his attitude and behavior. It makes him develop to be bad because his family. (Sparks,
While his friends teach him to like hangout and tease Jamie and Hegbert. This stimulus makes him to be a rebel. (Sparks, 1999: 19)

The positive influence is from Jamie. Love has important roles in his life. After he loved Jamie, his behavior becomes different. This stimulus makes him better, although in bad environment. (Sparks, 1999: 145-146)

All the influences from love of every relationship can show that he has developed from the beginning until she gets fall in love, and the most influential in shaping his personality is Jamie’s love.

D. Conclusion

After analyzing the whole parts of the novel from the behaviorist approach, the researcher concludes that *A Walk to Remember* novel is good to read. Based on the behaviorist analysis, it can be concluded that several relationship has a great contribution in shaping one’s personality and behavior. The relationship starts with family, friend, and romance relationship. Family relationship is the first influential factor on person behavior. Those relationships are not always giving good influences but sometimes the relationship can give bad influences. The negative and positive influences always follow our life.

In *A Walk to Remember* novel, the major character, Landon Carter gets influence from those relationships. His family relationship gives him bad influences. Landon only lives with his mother because his father lives apart in Washington. Since he was child, his father never accompanies him. That condition influences Landon’s behavior. He grows up to be a rebel. Landon felt less of his father’s love, so that he makes some trouble to get attention of his family.

Beside Family influence, friend relationship also has contribution in shaping Landon’s behavior, because they often spent time together. It can be seen that Landon and his friends give him bad influences. Landon likes to hang out together at graveyard and Cecil’s Dinner only for gossip.
Landon and his friends often teased Jamie and her father, Hegbert. Actually, he becomes naughty boy and he ever shout “Hegbert is fascinator”.

The last influence is from romance relationship. Romance relationship gives the greatest influence on Landon’s behavior. The novel shows that Landon behavior influenced by love of Jamie. Jamie taught him the value of good attitude. The intensity time of meeting each other has greatly influences on Landon’s behavior.

The stimuli that they give are responded by him to be his attitude and behavior. Every relationship gives different influence. All the influences above make him learn and those become her experiences for her real life. He takes values learned from all reinforcements that they give and he begins to do good thing for his life. Thus he develops his behavior well.


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