

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Before I Die novel was created by Jenny Downham. The novel was published in 2007 in United Kingdom. The novel was originally published in Great Britain by David Fickling Books. The novel has 46 chapters and 296 pages. The major character in *Before I Die* is Tessa Scott. Tessa has terminal cancer and creates a list of ten things, she wants to do the best things in her life. *Before I Die* was adopted to *Now is Good* film in 2012. The stars of film is Dakota Fanning and Jeremy Irvine. *Now Is Good* is a 2012 British teen drama film directed by Ol Parker.

Before I Die is written by Jenny Downham. The youngest of four children, was born and brought up in suburban Hertfordshire. Jenny was born in 1964. Jenny Downham lives in North London with her two young sons. Jenny Downham was an ex-actress before written her novel. *Before I Die* is the first novel from Jenny Downham. Jenny Downham wrote the second novel. The second novel is *You Against Me*. *You Against Me* novel was published in December 2010.

Before I Die novel talks about a girl names Tessa Scott. Tessa is sixteen years old. But, she is not lucky like another girl because Tessa is sick. Tessa had cancer since she was twelve years old. Medical team help Tessa for four years, but her cancer has spread to her spinal fluid. So, the cancer has spread faster than anyone expected.

Tessa's parent was divorced. Tessa is only at home and hospital. Sometimes Tessa only sleep at her bedroom. Tessa does not have friends, except Zoey. Because Tessa has friend with a girl in hospital. Her name was Angela. They sent email each other every day then one day she stopped. Eventually, Angela's mother told to Tessa's father that Angela had died. So, Tessa decides not to have friend again. She decides to change her life. Tessa has a list of things she wants to do before she dies, and she doesn't have long time.

Tessa has ten things on that list: The first thing on the list is sex. Tessa did with Jake. Jake has a sweeter face. Jake lost her virginity, because Jake wants to meet the first desire of Tessa. Jake met Tessa in the club. Number two is to say 'yes' to everything for one whole day. The next is drug. Number four on her list is to break the law as many times as possible in one day. Number five is drive. Number six on her list is fame. Number seven is travel the world but she changes to Mom and Dad getting back together. Number Eight is love. Tessa loves Adam. Adam is Tessa's boyfriend and neighbor who spend most of his time attending to his mother, who after the death of his father became depressed. Number Nine is Tessa wants to Adam moving in whom beside her. They made love twenty seven times and they shared a bed for sixty two nights. Number Ten is Lauren Tessa Walker.

Finally, Tessa is aware that Tessa does not have 10 things on list but she has 10 things more Tessa wants to talk to her family, but Tessa

cannot do anything to her life. Tessa cannot talk anymore but she can still hear. She hears her father, Cal, Zoey, her mother, and Adam say good bye to her. Tessa thinks about all the little things in life, she tries to hold on, but she finally doesn't care and knows it's time for her to go, so she gives in.

Before I Die novel is interesting novel to read. Jenny Downham wants to write about teenagers because they are on the cusp of adulthood. She make the book interesting when everyone know Tessa will die but She makes list before Tessa dies. This novel has good response from public reason. Jenny Downham (<http://www.randomhouse.co.uk>), novel *Before I Die* was critically acclaimed and was shortlisted for the 2007 Guardian Award and the 2008 Lancashire Children's Book of the Year, nominated for the 2008 Carnegie Medal and the 2008 Book trust Teenage Prize, and won the 2008 Branford Boase Award. Jenny Downham wrote the first novel but she got good respons from public reasons.

In *Before I Die* novel, Tessa is major character. Tessa has been sick four years ago and has received a terminal diagnosis. She knows, she will die. Jenny Downham as a author wants the readers have emotional response. Jenny Downham makes narrative from the point of view the dying person. Jenny Downham uses first person character in point of view who uses foreshadowing plot from beginning to end of the story. The story takes place in England country. This novel gets some responses from the readers. Dinah Hall, Sunday Telegraph (<http://www.randomhouse.co.uk>), "Downham's prose is brave and bare, her characters relentlessly realistic". Irish Times

(<http://www.randomhouse.co.uk>), "This is an oddly uplifting novel. It's about love and friendship and family. It deals with death, but it's a hymn to life". Heat (<http://www.randomhouse.co.uk>), "It's a novel that won't fail to touch those who read it, and despite the melancholy subject matter it manages to be hugely life-affirming. A book that will make you happy to be alive. 5 stars" There are positive responses to *Before I Die* novel. The readers is so enjoy with Jenny Downham novel.

Sarah A. Wood (<http://www.teenreads.com>), "*BEFORE I DIE* is not an easy book to read. But it does provide a much needed antidote to all the books and articles about places to see and things to eat "before you die." That is a negative response, because the reader is difficult understand in diction of *Before I Die* novel.

The researcher analyze *Before I Die* novel. There are four reasons why the researcher is interested in analyzing this novel: The first reason is main character of *Before I Die* novel. The second reason is the influence and power of love of her family and friends. The third reason is the importance of having desire. The last reason is diction of *Before I Die* novel.

The first reason is main character of *Before I Die* novel. Main character of *Before I Die* novel is Tessa. Tessa has spirit to fight her cancer since twelve years old. She can fight her cancer until sixteen years old. She thinks and decides to change her life. Tessa has a list of things she wants to do before she dies. Tessa thinks that her list motivates to life.

The second reason, there is an influence of her family and friends especially of Tessa's father. He believes that Tessa will be healed. Zoey is the only Tessa's friend. Zoey is Tessa's best friend. Zoey helps Tessa fulfill his desire. We can know Tessa's family, friend and boyfriend love Tessa. So, Tessa can survive and fulfill her desire. Tessa can do the best things in her life and to other persons. The power of love can be Tessa's spirits.

The third reason, the importance of having desire is shown by Tessa who has some desire before she died. Tessa think that her desire motivates her life. After medical team help Tessa for four years, but her cancer has spread to her spinal fluid. So, the cancer has spread faster than anyone expected. So, we can use time to do the best things in our life.

The last reason is diction of *Before I Die* novel. *Before I Die* novel has good diction. Jenny Downham uses some medical language to support her novel, description of Tessa's ill and to support what will do by Tessa.

From all reasons and description above, the researcher is interested in analyzing the novel by using psychoanalytic perspective. The issue of this study is life instinct experience. Therefore, the researcher decides to carry out a study entitled: **LIFE INSTINCT EXPERIENCE REFLECTED IN JENNY DOWNHAM'S NOVEL BEFORE I DIE (2007): A PSYCHOANALYTIC PERSPECTIVE**

B. Literature Review

There is no literature review related to *Before I Die* (2007) novel written by Jenny Downham at least among university in Surakarta, Semarang and Yogyakarta. The researcher searched some website and jurnal from internet such as Proquest, Questia, Ebscohost, Cambridge, Knovel, etc. So, the writer cannot compare this research with another research. The researcher uses Psychoanalytic Perspective to analyze the data and using *Before I Die* novel as an object. The researcher analyzes **LIFE INSTINCT EXPERIENCE REFLECTED IN JENNY DOWNHAM'S NOVEL *BEFORE I DIE* (2007): A PSYCHOANALYTIC PERSPECTIVE.**

C. Problem Statement

Based on the previous background of the study, the researcher proposed the problem: "How is life instinct experience reflected in Jenny Downham's Novel *Before I Die* (2007)?"

D. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses this research on analyzing life instinct experience reflected in *Before I Die* novel (2007) written by Jenny Downham based on a Psychoanalytic Perspective

E. Objectives of the Study

The researcher formulates the objectives of the study as follows:

1. To analyze life instinct experience reflected in *Before I Die* (2007) novel written by Jenny Downham based on its structural elements.

2. To analyze life instinct experience reflected in *Before I Die* (2007) novel written by Jenny Downham using a Psychoanalytic Perspective.

F. Benefits of the Study

The benefits of this study will be distinguished into two benefits:

1. Theoretical Benefits

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information and contribution the development of the knowledge, an academic reference by other researchers to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on *Before I Die* novel.

2. Practical Benefits

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience of the researcher and another student of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or another university who have interest in literary study on the novel from a Psychoanalytic Perspectives.

G. Research Method

Research method is significant to organize a research. It makes easy for the researcher to analyze the data and to arrange a research paper. The reseacher elaborates five main points concerning how to conduct the research. They are:

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher uses a descriptive qualitative research. It is library research while data sources are using library data. The purpose of this research is to analyze novel using

psychoanalytic perspective. The steps to conduct the research are (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, (5) determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is life instinct experience reflected at *Before I Die* novel (2004) written by Jenny Downham. It is analyzed by using a psychoanalytic perspective. In this novel, the researcher downloaded from enbookfi, the novel has not acknowledgements, copyright, and different pages both softfile and hardfile but this novel has complete chapters.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

There are two types of data sources that are used in this research, namely primary and secondary data sources as follows:

a. Primary Data Sources

The primary data sources is *Before I Die* novel (2007) written by Jenny Downham.

b. Secondary Data Sources

The secondary data sources are from other sources related to the study, such as: website, dictionary, and some books that support the analysis.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The method of collecting data in this research is note-taking *Before I Die* novel. So the researcher has some steps in analyzing the data as follows:

- a. Reading *Before I Die* novel to understand the novel deeply.
- b. Reading some related books to find out the theory and information which is required.
- c. Determining the character that will be analyzed.
- d. Taking notes of important thing both of primary and secondary data sources.
- e. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis.
- f. Drawing conclusion and formulate its pedagogical suggestion.

5. Technique of Data Analysis

The technique used in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis. It concerns with the structural elements of the *Before I Die* novel and psychoanalytic perspective.

H. Paper Organization

The researcher organizes this research paper in order to make an easy understanding. There are in this research as follows. The first chapter is introduction, background of the study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, research method paper organization. The second chapter is the underlying theory that

consists of the psychoanalytic perspectives; structure of personality, the notion is instinct and structural element of the novel and theoretical application. The third chapter deals with the structural analysis of the novel. The third includes some elements such as, character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, theme, and style. The fourth chapter discusses psychological perspective and its application in analyzing *Before I Die* novel. The last chapter is conclusion and suggestion.