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**Never be regret for all I have done, so live my life. (The Author)**

**Moving forward, looking backward, because living is hard. (The Author)**

**Don't be trapped in someone else's dream. (BTS)**

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*This study is about Living with Cancer in John Green's The Fault in Our Stars (2012) which is analyzed by using Humanistic Psychology approach. The objectives of the study are to know the first response of every character when they know they get cancer, how the characters live with cancer, and the writer concerns about the cancer part based on humanistic psychological approach by Carl Rogers. This research belongs to qualitative research. The primary data of this research is The Fault in Our Stars by John Green's in 2012, while the secondary data of this research are other sources related to the study, such as: website, dictionary and some books which support this research. The researcher draws three conclusions in this research. First is the response of person when they know they get cancer. Second is that cancer patient would feel desperate and lost their hope to live. Third is that in the novel, the author wants to support the cancer patient to live with cancer, not to give up.*

**Keywords:** Cancer, The Fault in Our Stars, Humanistic Psychological

## **RANGKUMAN**

**Wulandari, Wheny. A320120113. BERDAMAI DENGAN KANKER DALAM NOVEL THE FAULT IN OUR STARS KARYA JOHN GREEN (2012): PENDEKATAN HUMANISTIK PSIKOLOGI. Skripsi. Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta.2016.**

Studi ini adalah tentang Living with Cancer in John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* (2012) yang dianalisis menggunakan pendekatan Humanistik Psikologi. Tujuan studi ini adalah untuk mengetahui respon pertama dari setiap karakter ketika mereka mengetahui bahwa mereka mengidap penyakit kanker, bagaimana setiap karakter hidup bersama kanker, dan keprihatinan penulis tentang kanker berdasarkan pendekatan Humanistik Psikologi oleh Carl Rogers. Penelitian ini termasuk dalam penelitian kualitatif. Data primer dari penelitian ini adalah novel karya John Green berjudul *The Fault in Our Stars* yang diterbitkan pada tahun 2012, sementara data sekunder dari penelitian ini adalah sumber lain yang terkait dalam studi ini, seperti: website, kamus dan beberapa buku yang mendukung penelitian ini. Peneliti menarik tiga kesimpulan dalam penelitian ini. Pertama adalah respon pertama dari setiap orang ketika mereka mengetahui bahwa mereka mengidap kanker. Kedua adalah bahwa pasien kanker akan merasa putus asa dan kehilangan harapan untuk hidup. Ketiga adalah bahwa di dalam novel tersebut, penulis ingin mendukung pasien kanker dalam melawan kanker, bukan untuk menyerah menghadapi kanker.

Kata Kunci: Kanker, *The Fault in Our Stars*, Humanistik Psikologi

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