

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter concerns on background of the study, limitation of the study, problems statement, objectives of the study, benefits of the study, and paper organization.

A. Background of the Study

Nowadays, movie adaptation is become more popular adorn to entertainment. Some movies adaptation are created as the same with the book or the novel version, but not surprisingly some of them change some elements such as addition or reduction of the characters, setting or plot from the book, included the ending of the story. According to mentalfloss.com, here are some popular movies adaptation which have different ending from the novel: *Jurassic Park*, *Planet Of The Apes*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *Fight Club*, *The Scarlet Letter*, *Breakfast At Tiffany's*, *The Mist*, *The Lorax*, *Red Alert*, *Forrest Gump*, *Who Censored Roger Rabbit?*, *I Am Legend*, *First Blood*, *The Body Snatchers* and *My Sister's Keeper* by Nick Cassavetes which interest the researcher.

Jodi Lynn Picoult was born on May 19, 1966 in Nesconest on Long Island in New York. She is the bestselling author of twenty-three novels. Her last eight novels have debuted at number one on the New York Times bestseller list. Her last novel *Small Great Things* has already released on October 2016. Picoult's novels usually deal with ethical issues and are told from a variety of viewpoints, with each chapter written in a different character's voice. [Picoult](#) uses this technique to show multiple sides of a situation and underlying areas of moral ambiguity. Picoult writes stories that are heart wrenching and full of family drama. It should be not surprisingly, that several of her books have been adapted into films. One of her novel is *My Sister's Keeper* which written from a real life

story of one family in New York City which the researcher lately know it's from Natalie Curry's family. Her novel *My Sister's Keeper* then released in theaters in June 2009.

Nicholas David Rowland Cassavetes was born in New York City at 21 May 1959. He is an American actor for some movies, a screenwriter and in 1996 he decided to work behind the camera as filmmaker. He is also a god gifted speed reader. His mother was Gena Rowlands, an actress and his father was John Cassavetes, a Greek-American actor and a famous film director in his period. Nick Cassavetes has been nominated in lots of prestigious awards in his life. He won Daytime Emmy Awards in 2004 for Outstanding Children/Youth/Family Special. He has also won Chicago International Film Festival, Fantasporto and many more. He has also known as a good director for adaption story from a novel to movie. He is one of a good filmmaker directing a melodrama movie. One of his movie's adaption is *My Sister's Keeper* released in 2009 from Jodi Picoult's novel which starring by Cameron Diaz.

My Sister's Keeper movie is about Anna's sacrifice to her sister Kate who was sick because of leukemia (a blood cancer). Anna is in-vitro baby or a designer baby to help Kate stay alive. It means Anna is created to give all what Kate needs. A doctor propose to have in-vitro baby (Anna) with 100% HLA match with Kate and her parents were agreed to doing the procedure, researcher thinks it become the first problem for the family. Anna had already gave her sacrifice since she was already born, the doctor took her cord blood and soon after that when Anna thirteen years old her mother asked her to help Kate by giving one of her kidney to save her sister who has kidney failure. Anna with her bravery refuse her mother's wants, Anna at the same time sues her mother for medical emancipation of her body by renting a lawyer to help her. At the ending, her mother knew the fact that Kate that exactly asked Anna to sue her mother. Then, her mother accepted this reality although she couldn't believe it. Anna finally

won and got her medical emancipation but her sister Kate passed away in peace. This story is having different ending with the novel. Based on the novel, Anna is having accident with her lawyer after winning her medical emancipation from court to the way back home. Then the ending Anna gave her kidney to Kate to stay alive while Anna was passed away in piece.

The researcher chooses this movie because some reasons. First, the issue is still controversial in society life. As we know that issue of organ donation or cancer is still scary for some people even not all of procedures give serious complication for both the donor or the patient's self. Cancer is also a disease which illustrate by many people with acute disorder, difficult to recover and have many treatments to do. Although the film brings heavy issue about a people's decision should make in difficult situation, it is also a good story that shows about struggles and sacrifices of many families not only on cancer but also all diseases. It shows a drama of a family, sharing of love, fighting, and encouragement that people face life. Observed from how many issues in this story makes the reviewers gave their response. Then based on IMDB the researcher found there are 185 reviews from many places around the world.

Second, *My Sister's Keeper* has many aspects to analyze; such as aspect of humanity, sociology, law, ethics and others. This movie also can be analyzed with many different of literary theories. As the researcher knows that this movie is adapted from novel which brings controversial issue, so this movie also opens many possibilities to be discussed or analyzed with many certain aspects. Why this movie is being chosen or analyzed by other researchers is because from the issues which appear in the movie, such as this movie story is outstanding, the filmmaker is awesome, the movie actress and actor are incredible, or the difference between the novel and the movie version.

Third, the research conducts this research because this movie has different ending with the novel version which shows dissatisfaction from many of the audiences. The researcher believes that some of audiences who have emotional feeling or have an impression to the movie would give their response and the researcher finds some of them on Internet Movie Database (IMDB). There also appear some discussions which compare the different elements on the movie with the novel, such as; the character, the ending, plot and etc.

Forth, researcher with this research wants to know what things influenced the reviewer through their responses that most of them did not enjoyed with the transformation from the novel to the movie version. The researcher also wants to know what the major issues mostly written by reviewers, what are reviewers' background, reviewers' evaluation and reviewers' expectation to the movie found in IMDB. The researcher try to solve some questions using reader respond theory.

Observing from how limited research or journal using reader response theory makes the researcher wants to give one more meaningful contribution to literary study. The researcher conducts this research using reader response theory means the data take from some reviewers' responses about *My Sister's Keeper* movie. The data is from reviewers who give their response to *My Sister's Keeper* movie through Internet Movie Database or IMDB.

Reviews data are taken from a website named imdb.com. The Internet Movie Database (IMDB) is an online database of information related to some movie or videos. In this website the reviewers are freely in giving their response to the movie or other videos in which if they have something to evaluate or to express ideas. The reviewers can give their response to evaluate, discuss some issues, gives their critic or giving rating to the movie by making IMDB account. So, the

research takes the data based on IMDB of *My Sister's Keeper* (2009) Movie directed by Nick Cassavetes.

This research is hopefully can give contribution to the literary study. This research is also can be a reference for other researcher who wants to conduct the same theme of issue or the same theory. The researcher through this story of *My Sister's Keeper* also wants to open people's mind about care, struggle, loves, freedom and pay more attention especially to children or other creatures living in the world. Finally, based on all of the reasons, the researcher proposed to conduct a research entitled Readers' Expectation to Movie Adaptation: Reader Response Analysis on Nick Cassavetes *My Sister's Keeper* Movie (2009).

B. Problem Statement

- 1) What are the major issue responded by the reviewers on *My Sister's Keeper* movie?
- 2) How is the users' review related to their background?
- 3) What is the reviewers' evaluation to the movie?
- 4) What is the readers' expectation to the movie?

C. Objectives of the Study

Dealing with problem statement above, the researcher formulates the object of the study as follow:

1. To explain what the major issue responded by the reviewers on *My Sister's Keeper* movie.
2. To explain how the users' review are related to their background.
3. To explain what the reviewers' evaluation to the movie is.
4. To explain what the readers' expectation to the movie is.

D. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses on the research in analyzing reader response which the data object is taken from IMDB to a movie adaptation entitle *My Sister's Keeper*

(2009) directed by Nick Cassavetes which based on Jodi Picoult's novel using Reader Response theory by A. Richard Beach.

E. Benefit of the Study

The researcher hopes that it can give benefits as follows :

1. Theoretical Benefits

The result of this finding is expected to be able to give more information about conducting reader response analysis or evaluation through literary work and can be a good contribution for academic references to the other researchers especially in UMS or other Universities.

2. Practical Benefits

This research is expected to increase knowledge or understanding to the other researchers that choose reader response theory and give more information about the movie to appreciate a literary work.

F. Paper Organization

The researcher organized this paper into five chapters in order to make it easier to understand. This Research starts by chapter I about introduction consists of the background of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study and paper organization. The next is chapter II about underlying theory which involve reader response theory and previous studies that are useful for conducting the analysis of the data. Chapter III is research method consists of type of the study, object of the study, type of data and data source which divided into two discussion that is primary data and secondary data, method of collecting data, and the last is technique of analyzing data. The other is chapter IV about analysis and discussion which include answering questions in problem statement that is determine the major issue, explain the reviewers' background, the reviewers' evaluation, the reviewers' expectation. The last is chapter V which include conclusion, suggestion and pedagogical implication.