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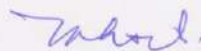
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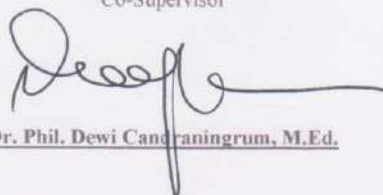
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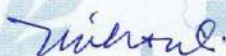
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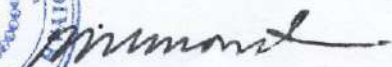
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is how it treats its women.*

(Barrack Hussein Obama)

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui tanggapan pembaca terhadap novel karya Khaled Hosseini yang berjudul *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. Teori yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah teori *Reader Response* dari Richard Beach. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode penelitian kualitatif. Data dari penelitian ini terdiri dari dua macam yaitu data primer dan data sekunder. Data primer berupa respon pembaca terhadap novel yang diperoleh dari situs GoodReads. Sedangkan data sekunder diperoleh dari sumber lainnya seperti buku-buku sastra, penelitian-penelitian terdahulu, jurnal, artikel, internet, dan lain sebagainya yang terkait dengan penelitian. Teknik pengumpulan data dengan cara analisis dokumen dan teknik analisis data menggunakan analisis isi yang terdiri dari tiga tahapan yakni reduksi data, penyajian data, dan pembuatan kesimpulan. Penelitian ini dilakukan untuk mengetahui isu apa saja yang muncul dari novel tersebut, faktor yang mempengaruhi pembaca untuk memberikan pendapat mengenai isu tersebut, bagaimana faktor-faktor tersebut terkait dengan pembaca, dan alasan pembaca memberi tanggapan yang demikian terhadap isu-isu yang muncul. Setiap pembaca memiliki keunikan dan perbedaan dalam memberikan tanggapan mengenai isu yang muncul dalam novel. Penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa latar belakang budaya, pengalaman hidup, dan gender mempengaruhi masing-masing pembaca dalam memberikan tanggapan mengenai isu-isu yang muncul dalam novel tersebut.

Kata kunci : Readers' Response, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the readers' response to the novel by Khaled Hosseini entitled *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. The theory used in this study is the Reader Response from Richard Beach. This study used qualitative research methods. The data of this study consists of two kinds, namely primary data and secondary data. Primary data is the response from the reader to the novel obtained from the Goodreads website. While the secondary data obtained from other sources such as literary books, previous studies, journals, articles, internet, and others related to the study. The technique of collecting data using document analysis and technique analyzing data using content analysis consisting of three stages of data reduction, data display, and making conclusions. This study was conducted to find out the issues raised in the novel, the factor that influences the readers, how are the factors related to the readers, and the reason why the readers raise the issues in their response. Each reader has the uniqueness and distinction of providing feedback on the issues that appear in the novel. This study shows that cultural background, life experiences, and gender influence each reader in responding the issues rose from the novel.

Keywords: Readers' Response, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| WSWS | = World Socialist Web Site |
| CDA | = Critical Discourse Analysis |
| UK | = United Kingdom |
| USA | = United States of America |
| UAE | = United of Arab Emirate |
| UNHCR | = United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| WTC | = World Trade Center |
| Dis | = Discrimination |
| Abs | = Abusive |
| Hp | = Hope |
| Ec-Br | = Endurance - Bravery |
| Gr | = Gratitude |
| CM | = Child Marriage |
| Sgr | = Struggle |
| Cl | = Culture |
| Op | = Oppression |
| Ep | = Empathy |
| Prc | = Patriarchy |
| Fr | = Freedom |
| Sc | = Sacrifice |
| WR | = Women's Right |
| Mi | = Misogyny |
| Epr | = Empowerment |
| Sg | = Subjugation |
| Eq | = Equality |
| Fm | = Feminism |
| Gd | = Gender Relation |

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