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MOTTO

O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful.

(Q.S. Ali Imran:200)

So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?

(Q.S. Ar-Rahman:13)

Whoever goes out seeking knowledge is in the path of Allah until he returns.

(H.R. Tirmidzi)

Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini membahas topik tentang penggambaran keputusan dalam novel *Me Before You* (2012) karya Jojo Moyes yang dianalisis menggunakan teori eksistensialisme. Tujuan dari penelitian ini antara lain untuk mendeskripsikan karakteristik keputusan melalui teori eksistensialisme, mengidentifikasi indikator keputusan, dan mengungkap mengapa keputusan dapat menjadi topik dalam novel *Me Before You*. Penelitian ini termasuk penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Sumber data primer dari penelitian ini yaitu novel *Me Before You* (2012) karya Jojo Moyes, sedangkan sumber data sekunder diambil dari buku, situs web, artikel, kamus, dan sumber lain yang cocok. Hasil dari penelitian ini diantaranya: Pertama, karakteristik keputusan dapat ditemukan melalui lima prinsip teori eksistensialisme; Kedua, terdapat lima indikator keputusan antara lain kehilangan minat dalam aktivitas sehari-hari, melawan diri-sendiri, menjadi lebih emosional, kehilangan jati diri, dan kurangnya produktivitas; dan yang terakhir, keputusan dapat menjadi inspirasi dari novel berdasarkan kehidupan nyata anggota keluarga Jojo Moyes dan cerita yang ia dengar dari radio.

Kata Kunci: eksistensialisme, *Me Before You*, penggambaran keputusan

ABSTRACT

This study discusses the issue about portrayal of desperation reflected in Jojo Moyes' *Me Before You* novel (2012) which is analyzed by using Existentialism study. The objectives of this study are to describe the characteristic of desperation through Existentialism, to identify the indicators of desperation, and to reveal why desperation can be the basic issue of *Me Before You* novel. This study is descriptive qualitative research. The primary data source is *Me Before You* novel (2012) by Jojo Moyes, while the secondary data source are taken from books, websites, articles, dictionaries, and others that match with this study. The result of this study as follows: Firstly, the characteristics of desperation can be found through five principle of Existentialism theory; Secondly, there are five indicators of desperation which are losing interest in daily activities, being self-defeating, becoming more emotional, losing self-identity, and lacking productivity; and the last, desperation can be the inspiration of the novel based on Jojo Moyes' family members real life and a story that she heard from radio.

Key: Existentialism study, *Me Before You*, portrayal of desperation

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