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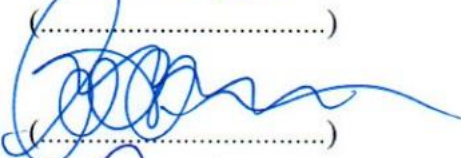
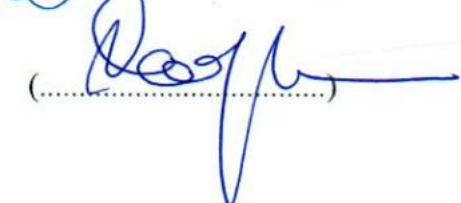
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Abstrak

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif, yang membahas tentang respon pembaca terhadap bunuh diri yang dilakukan oleh Hannah Baker, dalam novel *Thirteen Reasons Why* (2007) karya Jay Asher, menggunakan teori reader response. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui isu dominan yang dibahas oleh pembaca, mengidentifikasi respon pembaca terhadap kasus bunuh diri Hannah Baker, dan mengidentifikasi alasan pembaca memberikan ulasan positif dan negatif terhadap kasus bunuh diri Hannah Baker. Peneliti menggunakan data ulasan pembaca dari website GoodReads.com. Peneliti menemukan alasan pembaca memberikan respon positif terhadap konsep bunuh diri Hannah Baker; karena merupakan orang yang selamat dari percobaan bunuh diri, mengerti alasan Hannah dan memahami kondisi mental Hannah Baker. Sedangkan alasan pembaca memberikan respon negatif adalah karena kecenderungan mengagungkan bunuh diri, kecenderungan menyalahkan orang lain, kesalahan dalam menggambarkan konsep bunuh diri, kecenderungan menggunakan bunuh diri sebagai alat balas dendam, dan kemungkinan orang akan terpengaruh Hannah untuk melakukan bunuh diri.

Kata kunci: bunuh diri, teori reader response, *Thirteen Reasons Why*, Jay Asher

Abstract

This qualitative research analyze about the readers' responses toward Hannah Baker's suicide in *Thirteen Reason Why* novel (2007) by Jay Asher, by using reader response theory. The objective of the research is to find the dominant issues discussed by the readers, to identify the readers' responses toward Hannah Baker's suicide, and to indentify the reason why the readers give positive and negative responses toward Hannah Baker's suicide. The researcher use reviews from GoodReads.com as the data. The researcher finds the reasons why the readers give positive responses; because they are suicide survivor, they understand Hannah Baker's reasons and understand Hannah Baker's mental state. The readers give negative responses because of the tendency of glamorizing suicide, blaming people, wrong portrayal of suicide, the tendency of using suicide as revenge too, and the influence of Hannah Baker's suicide to other people.

Key words: suicide, reader response theory, *Thirteen Reasons Why*, Jay Asher

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