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Abstrak


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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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