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ABSTRAK


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ABSTRACT

The main discussion in this study is the problem that occurs in the community, namely about humanism. Due to the existence of something related to humans, and a philosophical thought that emphasizes the value and position of man and makes it a criterion in all things. The purpose of this study was to analyze Stephen King's *The Green Mile* novel based on structural elements and analyze this novel using a sociological approach with several aspects, namely social aspects, political aspects, cultural aspects, religious aspects and science and technology aspect. The researcher used qualitative methods. The researcher used two data sources: primary data and secondary data. The primary data source is the novel itself. And, secondary data sources are books on researching the sociology approach, references to *The Green Mile* from the internet, and other sources related to research. The method of data collection is by library research and data collection techniques are descriptive techniques.

According to the analysis, researchers got several conclusions. First, research shows that there are phenomena concerning humanism that occur in *The Green Mile* novel by Stephen King. Humanism is very visible when there is fulfillment in aspects of humanism aspects, namely, Self-Actualization, Esteem Needs, Love and Belongingness Needs, Safety and Security Needs and Psychological Needs. Second, in the novel *The Green Mile*, Stephen King tries to give an understanding of American society in the mid-nineteenth century that highlights humanism and social influence in society. This phenomenon can be seen in the E Block environment where people judge that everyone has the right to help each other regardless of race, color and work.

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