

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background

This research is about Biomedical Causes of Death reflected in Paula Hawkins's novel *The Girl on the Train* (2015). In 2015, this novel is very popular and a bestseller. However, the researcher takes some previous studies, which discuss the sociological theory, and Biomedical of death related to the issue.

Death is all of the function vital like a heartbeat, brain activity, and breathing is the cessation. Death is the antonym of life and death is a process happened to all of the people in the world. Death does not look feather like big- small, young- old, rich- poor, clever- stupid and among others. However, in medical definition, death is the end of life and common law standard for determining death is the cessation of all vital function, traditionally demonstrated by "absence of spontaneous respiratory and cardiac function". According to Dorlan's illustrated in the Medical Dictionary, death is the cessation of all about a vital bodily function.

Paula Hawkins created this novel. She was born 26 August 1972. She is a journalist and her books there are *New York Times*, *Into the Water* and *The Girl on the Train*. *The Girl on the Train* is bestseller novel in 2015. This novel debuted at number one on the New York Times of Fiction best seller of 2015 list. After that in January 2016, this novel became the number one a bestseller again for two weeks.

This novel uses third person viewpoint. This novel tells about three women they are Rachel, Megan, and Anna. Rachel is a woman alcoholic. She stays with her friend. She was sacked from her work because one day she comes to office in a drunken state but her friend did not know about it. Rachel was divorced with her husband Tom because of her husband cheating with other woman. She is very beautiful women. Her name is Anna. Now, Tom married with Anna and they have one daughter her name is Evie. Therefore, in

this novel Anna as a terrible woman because she makes Rachel and Tom is divorced.

Every day Rachel goes by train to London. She always sees some houses through the train window glass. She sees one house that the house of her ex-husband and his new wife but Rachel's eyes focus on their neighbor. House number 23, that house is the house of a married couple they are Scoot and Megan. Their family is a perfect family like her family and her ex-husband. Megan's family is very happy and quite family. This novel also tells about Megan fell uncomfortable because of her husband is overprotective.

One day Rachel gets news that Megan disappears from her house. A person looking for Megan's existence and the fact is Rachel's ex-husband is the culprit.

This novel contains mystery and causes of death. From this novel, the researcher gets the idea to research causes of death medically so the researcher takes the issue biomedical the causes of death. The researcher takes the issue from this novel because the issue different from the other previous, the researcher focuses on the causes of death from this novel.

Based on the reason, the researcher will observe *The Girl on The Train* Novel using Sociological perspective. Therefore, the writer constructs the title **BIOMEDICAL CAUSES OF DEATH REFLECTED IN PAULA HAWKINS'S *THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN* (2015): SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS.**

B. Problem Statement

1. What are the biomedical causes of death in the work (novel)?
2. How are the biomedical causes of death depicted in the work (novel)?
3. Why the biomedical causes of death specifically addressed by author in the work?

C. Objectives

1. To identify biomedical causes of death in the work (novel).
2. To describe how is biomedical causes of death depicted in the work (novel).
3. To reveal the underlying reasons the author in the work specifically addresses why the biomedical causes of death.

D. Benefits

1. Theoretical Benefits

In theoretical, this researcher explains about one of an issue in the novel *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins that is causes of death. Therefore, this research contains the find the biomedical causes of death.

2. Practical Benefits

Practically this research will give influence to me as a researcher. For a researcher, this research can enrich my knowledge especially by learning sociological theory. The researcher hopes that this research can help other researchers in analyzing Biological Causes of Death reflected in Paula Hawkins's *The Girl on the Train* novel.

E. Paper Organization

This paper will be present into three chapters, as follow:

Chapter I is Introduction it is discussed the background of the study, problem statement, and object of study and benefit of the study. It introduces the novel and what will the researcher do through this proposal.

Chapter II is a Literature Review it is discussed presents a previous study, underlying theory, and novelty. It contains research conducted by previous researcher and description of the theory that used. Chapter III is Research Method it is discussed type of study and object of study, a type of data and data source, a method of collecting data and technique of analyzing data. It is the detail explanation about the process of doing the research.