

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

This chapter will discuss what lies behind the researcher to raise this issue and how the authors make boundaries so that the problems raised are not too general so that the readers get a detailed explanation for the readers. The researcher gives questions to the problem and the reader will get some benefits from the finding. The author also completes this chapter with a paper organization to make it easier for readers to know what is included in this study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Divorce is something that often happens in the community. There are many negative views from the community regarding this action, especially for couples who already have children that will greatly affect the physical or psychological development of the child. Divorce also is a legal action taken if a husband and wife want to end their relationship from marriage.

In psychology, whatever happens to a human being sometimes impacts not on the person, but also affects the surrounding. Just as divorce will also have an impact on children. In a study of psychology, there were several variations in the effects of divorce on young students which is often experienced by some children, namely emotional disturbances, trauma, and also mental disorder.

Religion also discusses about divorce such as how the different religion saw the divorce in human life. Especially in Islam, divorce is an act that is permissible in Islam but it is an act that is most despised by the ALLAH SWT. As many verses explain and are told in the Quran divorce like *“Divorced mothers shall nurse their infants two full years, if the father so wishes. The father shall provide the mother's food and clothing equitably. No one shall be burdened beyond her ability. No mother shall be harmed on account of her infant, nor shall the father be harmed because of his infant. (If the father dies),*

her inheritor shall assume these responsibilities. If the infant's parents mutually agree to part, after due consultation, they commit no error by doing so. You commit no error by hiring nursing mothers, so long as you pay them equitably. You shall observe God, and know that God is Seer of everything you do. [Quran 2:233]. Religion itself is also discussing divorce but still have a focus on childcare. It means that from religion is also worrying if the child becomes a victim. mentality in children when compared to adults must be very different, so that the child must continue to get her rights even though her parents divorced.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher is interested in analyzing the divorce in *The Last Song* novel. *The Last Song* novel is a 2009 novel by Nicholas Sparks who is American novelist. *The Last Song* novel consists of 37 chapters inside it. The novel tells how Ronnie does not like to stay in a house with her father Steve miller; and she began to like living there, because she meets Will, and finally she gets out and back to her mother house because her father passed away because he is getting ill.

The novel begins with Steve and Kim has divorced then Ronnie can not accept about her parent when she is still in seventeen years old in earlier. Then her mother wants Ronnie and her brother fill their time with Steve as long as the summer and he rejects when Ronnie wants to go home until summer's end. One day, Ronnie comes to the beach and there is a volleyball competition but she is not interest but suddenly a man falls to her, he is Will who is Ronnie's boyfriend then. In afternoon, around her father house there are many eggs of turtle which is stolen by Civet and Ronnie try to save the eggs then she stays at the hole eggs. At night, Will comes to her house and accompany her to preserve the egg's turtle.

Their relationship better than before and Ronnie begins to accept her father and starts to do a good thing to him. Finally, when all of turtle eggs was cracked and there are many little turtle to go beach and then Ronnie, her father and her little brother are very happy and her father goes to home to take something but

when he run, he is unconscious after that he is token to the hospital. Finally, Ronnie knows that Steve has a disease.

Steve becomes better but he knows that he will life not for a long time he almost finish her song for her daughter but when Ronnie try to finish the song then her daddy passed away when she has finished the song. Ronnie comes back to her mother's house and her boyfriend continues her study.

Every result of literature has many responds from the reader same with this novel. Nicholas Sparks is a writer of the novel, there are many her works of the novel such as *The Last Song*, *The Notebook*, *The Lucky One*, *The Longest Ride*, *Dear John*, *a Walk To Remember*, *message In a Bottle*, *The Best Of Me*, and the other novel.

The novel was adapted into a popular film of the same name, in march 31st 2010. The film was directed by Julie Anne Robinson and this included in a romantic drama film by Nicholas Sparks.

The Last Song novel is no translation in the other language but only in English because it is international language and the conflict reflected in the novel happens in everywhere and everytime, therefore it makes the readers can understand easily with the movie of *The Last Song*.

The Last Song novel is a fantastic novel. There are some reasons why researcher is interested in analyzing this novel. First, *The Last Song* novel shows how daddy loves her children even he is getting ill, he still tries to make a song for her daughter. Second, the author is brilliant to choose the conflict, he chooses the reality conflict in society and it can accept in society easily. Besides that, first release *The Last Song* debuted at number one on weekly bestseller charts.

1.2 Limitation of the Study

The reasearch would be focused on children's view by Ronnie and Jonah in their parents' divorce which appears in *The Last Song* novel by Nicholas Sparks (2009) using a sociological approach.

1.3 Problem Statement

In thisresearch, the researcher wants to classify two problems that should be solved as the result of the research, the problem as follow:

1. How is the children's view towards her parent's divorce?
2. How does the story relate to the society at that time?

1.4 Objectives Of The Study

Based on problem statements, the researcher will fulfill the problem as follow:

1. To explain how is the children's view towards her parent's divorce.
2. To analyze how does the story *The Last Song* novel relate to the society at that time

1.5 Benefits of the Study

By analyzing the novel, there are 2 benefits that can be gained as follows:

1. Theoretical benefit

The research is supposed to give new information. The research also has expected to develop a larger knowledge between the researcher and the reader particularly about *The Last Song* novel.

2. Practical benefit

The research uses sociological approach and it will give deeper understanding to the researcher in literary fields even the researcher analyzes *The Last Song* novel using different perspective.

1.6 Paper Organization

The research paper organization is conducted to help the readers in understanding the research easily. The reaserch paper consists of five chapters as follows:

The research proposal organization divided into three chapters. The first chapter is introduction, chapter two is literature review and the chapter three is research method. The first chapter consists of background of the study, limitation of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, benefit of the study and the last paper organization. Second chapter consists of previous study, underlying theory divided in 3 parts: sociological theory, sociology and literature, and divorce. Structural elements of the novel and last about the novelty. The third chapter called reaserch method consists of types of the study, object of the study, type of data and data source, the method of collecting data, and technique of analyzing data. Chapter fourth is about discussion and findings using sociological approach. The last chapter is conclusion of the research.