

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of The Study

In general, kindness is something that desired which is cultivated and become a human goal. Human behaviour is good and right, if the behaviour towards human perfection. Kindness is called value, if the good is for someone to be a concrete of kindness. Man determines his behaviour to aim and choose the path taken. Man must have the final goal for the direction of his life. In religion, “*kindness is good morals, while sin is anything that doubts your soul and you don’t like to show it to others*” (HR. Muslim).

Miracle that prepare us to face difficult situations with greater maturity and clarity than we should, and this novel describes how to be more sensitive to people who have limitations or are different from others who are more important when we see how important that kindness. Kindness is an attitude that is friendly, careful and caring for others. Besides that kindness is also interpreted as a sense of affection, caring, warmth, and tenderness that is shown through words or behaviour of someone. Someone who has goodness requires courage and strength, because being a better person requires a process that is not easy. Sometimes kindness arises from ourself but it can also arise from the influence of others who can motivate them to do kindness.

People are living with the partners who can give us support or encouragement from our family, friends, and sisters or brothers. Research shows that relations have the same benefits as health. Good relationships are based on honesty and strong. This is a nature that has been created that life is given by its own partner. Relations can make any plans that are made together. Relations can define that the continuity interaction between many persons that easy to introduce themself. Relations occur in

every process life human. Relations do not only occur between two people but it happens to friends, friendship, family, parents, and social environment.

The researcher used the Humanistic Psychological Perspective to analyze this novel. Humanistic psychological perspective is a psychological approach that focuses on the goodness of human beings. According to Andrew and Eugene (2017) stated that humanistic psychological focuses on the personality of someone who has a quality of life harmonious and optimal in providing benefits to others. It is as an alternative in developing mechanistic and reductionistic personality.

J.C. Palacio tells the story about August Pullman who is the tough and sweet boy. He was 10 years old who was born with the abnormal face. He has a craniofacial disorder that can cause people who see him to be scared or laugh at him. It also makes it difficult to hear and smile. Because it is different from the others, August Pullman had to stay at home for a long time, he also home schooling. August parents loved her and supported her to be able to go to school like any other child. He begins interacting with his new friends who were in August school not having any friends in his life, but after starting at school, he was liked by some good friends. August had three good friends, Christopher, Jack, and Alex, but Christopher moved away from school, so he doesn't meet with August. It was they who saved August from his alienation and misery at school. They loved being friends August. He was a fun, kind, and smart kid of science. Finally, the school principal gives award to August as a brave child, and did not give up in all facing the reality of his life. That way the other August friends really like his kindness all this time.

Wonder novel by R.J. Palacio are best selling in New York was published in 2012. *Wonder* was adapted in Film by Lionsgate was published in 2017. *Wonder* is the first series of her children literature. Another series of wonder are 365 days of wonder (Mr. Browne's Book of Precepts), *The Julian Chapter: A Wonder Story*, *Pluto: A Wonder Story*, and many more. In relation to this, it is knowledgeable that a literary work is a reflection of individualism. In fact, *Wonder* is the first series of her children literature by R.J. Palacio 2012. She created the novel because she was inspired by her meet with a child who was in ice cream shop by having an abnormality on her face, which at that time Palacio brought her 3 years old son.

Child disabilities has discriminated by the society. The writer has idea to defend that disability also has superiority that other people can not see that. Natalie Merchant's song *Wonder* made her realize that the event could describe a valuable lesson. Palacio was inspired by the song lyrics titled wonder. That is why the researcher strongly believes that *Wonder* is interested to analyzing. Therefore, the idea of conducting a research about influence of kindness to people relation reflected in this novel becomes an interesting topic to be analyzed, even more by using a humanistic psychological perspective to support the research.

There are some reasons why the writer is interested to analyzed *Wonder's* novel. First, the writer interesting with August's characteristic who is discriminated by the society because of his physical appearance. By contrast, he can influence the people around him with his kindness. Second, the language is simple and it is just not shows August point of view, but also can see the point of view of siblings and friends so that readers can easy understand the meaning of this novel.

Based on those reasons the writers is decided to take a research entitled **“THE INFLUENCE OF KINDNESS TO PEOPLE RELATIONS IN WONDER BY R. J. PALACIO: A HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE”**

1.2 Problem Statement

Related with the title and the background of the research, the problem of this research is formulated as follows:

1.2.1 What are the influences August Pullman's kindness' to people relations?

1.2.2 How does relation between August Pullman's and people in around him?

1.3 Objective of The Study

The objectives of research are:

1.3.1 To describe the influences of kindness August Pullman's to people relations

1.3.2 To describe relation between August Pullman's and people in around him?

1.4 Benefit of The Study

The result of the study can be used are:

1.4.1 Theoretical Benefits

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information and contribution of knowledge to the academic reference. It can be also as a reference for the other researchers who want to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on this *Wonder* novel.

1.4.2 Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the writers in many things and for other students of University of Muhammadiyah Surakarta or for the other universities where has the same interest in literary study on the literature from a humanistic perspective.

1.5 Paper Organization

The organization of this study is explained in order the reader can understand the content of the paper easier. The organizations are as follows:

Chapter I is introduction consists of background of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, benefit of the study and paper organization.

Chapter II is literary review, it describe notion of humanistic, notion of kindness, notion of relation, and previous study.

Chapter III is research method which composed by type of the study, object of the study, type of the data and data source, technique of data collection, and technique for analysis the data.

Chapter IV is finding and discussion, it explains about humanistic psychological analysis, and type of kindness.

Chapter V is the last chapter that consists of conclusion and suggestion.