

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

People live in this world of course have their own personality which different among other. The differences personality of every person can be affected by the range of that person. Personality means child's description of personality characteristics as more or less stable, internal factors that make one person's behavior consistent from one time to another, and also from one situation to another and different from the behavior and reaction other people would manifest in comparable situations (Eyseck, 1994, p. 38). It means that personality may build the behavior of person.

In psychology side, There are several personality types of human. One of them is Introvert personality. According to Kendra (2016, p. 57) "Introvert is a personality trait characterized by focus on internal feelings rather than on external sources of stimulation". An introvert person is the type of person who shy in join social activities, they will comfort when they are alone. The introvert ones will be more silent when they are surrounded by other. Even an introvert person has something to say, they will better to be silent and keep something in their mind.

An introvert is familiar in people live until there are some people write journal, research, thesis, and even novel about this personality type. Talk about an introvert novel, One of the great novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* which created by Stephen Chbosky, an American writer. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is mainly tells about the main character behaviors life as an introvert person. This novel created from the memories life of Stephen Chbosky life's it self. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* tells an introvert. Charlie's behavior as the main character in this novel is not same with his friends life as a normal person. As written in the novel "August 25, 1991 Dear friend, I am writing to you because she said you listen and understand and didn't try to sleep with that person at that party even though you could have. Please don't try to figure out who she is because then you might figure out who I am, and I really don't want you to do that....." (*The Perks of*

Being a Wallflower, p. 1). It showed that Charlie is preferred to write letter for something he feels which he send to his friend who has passed away rather than talk to other people.

The main character in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* will be the main research of this study, because most of the content in this novel talk about the behavior of Charlie's life as an introvert person in his daily life. The researcher will identify the behaviors, the behaviors effect, and the influences of the main character life as an introvert personality. *The Perks of being a Wallflower* novel tells about a young man (Charlie) . He is an introvert person. He is also a misterious and weird person. No body knows what happen with him in actually because he often get hallucination. He often distract him self. He also often write a letter to no name rather than talk to other person. His school friends called him a homo, so he does not have any friends. He always sit and walk alone, until he meet Patrick, Patrick is his senior in school, he is very kind person. Patrick has a group of friends which consist of Sam, Mary, Bob, and Alice. They are very kind to Charlie and accept him to be part of them. Because of Patrick and friends, Charlie's live changed, he can be a different version of Charlie, he is not alone again, even sometimes when he is alone, he get his hallucination and discract him self again but at least he can be happy in temporary. Someday Charlie's bad habbit comes again, Luckily his friends can accept him again and they can friends again and Charlie become happy. Until come a one day which Patrick, Sam, Mary, Alice, and Bob graduations. They have to continue their study and leave Charlie again. It makes Charlie's introvert and weird come again until his parents take him into a mental hospital. Finally Charlie's parents knows about Charlie. Charlie had bad experienced when he was child, his aunt namely Helen. She had bad life until she passed away and Charlie known well about it, whereas Charlie loves her so much. Beside that Charlie's bestfriend passed away too, it was broke Charlie's much. After Charlie back to home, Sam and Patrick come to Charlie's home and it makes him so happy. In the end Charlie believes that he can continue his lives and start his lives again, he is free and his introvert has gone.

The content of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* get some responses from the readers. There are positive and negative responses side. The positive responses side are : That novel brings them to not judge other first without know them first; that novel tells about the real life of teenage period; Make people knows about one of the personality of people; Make people understand about an introvert person; and the content, the language are easy to understand by the reader. The negative responses side are : the novel is trite, because just brings standard teenage issue; and some school in America ban their students to read *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* because the content is too harsh for teenage and make the students follow Charlie's personality. Although there are several positive and negative responses about *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* novel, that novel could be a best seller novel and there is a film which adapted from that novel.

From those reasons, the researcher concludes that *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is interested to be analyzed because the content of the story tells about the behavior life as an introvert personality (characterization) of person which the introvert behavior of the main character have not been analyzed by other. The fact that Stephen Chbosky created a story based on the relection of American teenage who deal with an introvert personality so he has weird behavior. Psychology of literature work can follow the way of people live by giving a story reflection from reality. This study, the researcher has challange to analyze *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* novel's from Stephen Chbosky by using some theories that concern with the main Charlie's behavior as an introvert personality. So, the tittle of this study is **INTROVERTNESS IN *THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER* NOVEL (2012) BY STEPHEN CBHOSKY: AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

B. Problem Statement

1. What are the main character behaviors in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* novel?
2. How do the introvertness of the main character in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* novel's?
3. Why are the introvertness influence the Charlie's behavior in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*?

C. Objective of the Study

1. To identify the main character behaviors in the *Perks of Being a Wallflower*.
2. To describe the introvertness of the main character in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.
3. To deal the influences introvertness of the main character behaviors in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

D. Benefit of the Study

The result of the research is expected to give some benefits as follows;

a. Theoretical Benefit

In academic side this research can help the students to understand that every human being has different characters one of them is an introvert. And this research also can learning for students that life must of respect and don't judge other person's character.

b. Practical Benefit

By using Psychoanalytic Approach, the writer studying *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky and found new perspective and understanding about the novel.

E. Limitation

The study is only focus on novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, in case the introvertness of the main character in the novel without consider other sides.

F. Paper Organization

The organization of the paper consists of the three chapters as follows:

Chapter I named introduction consisting of background of the study, problem statement, and objective of the study, benefit of the study and limitation and paper organization.

Chapter II named literary review consists of previous study, underlying theory and novelty.

Chapter III named research method consisting of type of the study, object of the study, type, data and data source, technique of collecting data, and technique of data analyze.

Chapter IV named Psychological Analysis and Discussion.