

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of the study**

Stockholm syndrome is a condition in which a victim of an affliction psychologically responds positively to a host even loyal and supportive. Emotionally they love the hostess who then has a negative response to the authorities such as the police. This case is called Stockholm syndrome that begins with an incident Sveriges Bank Credit robbery. Jan-Erik Olsson and Clark Olofsson had held bank employees hostage on August 23 to August 28 in 1973 (The medical dictionary “Stockholm syndrome” 2015). According to McLaughlin and Marie (2015) there are some cases of Stockholm syndrome that occur in the society such as Jacee Duggard kidnapped by a rapist when she was 11 years old and was found at the age of 18, Natascha Kampusch is an attack on an Austrian woman who was kidnapped when she was 10 years old. She was held hostage for 8 years and showed the phenomenon of Stockholm syndrome because he felt devastated when his host died, Colleen Stan who was held hostage when he was 20 years old and did not prosecute any of his kidnappers even after he was free and had experienced cases of violence and sexual abuse. Then Patty Hearst had the same case, Hearst case is the second case that describes Stockholm syndrome. She was kidnapped when she was 19 years old. She is the grandson of William Randolph Hearst, founder of the Hearst media empire. She was a victim of extortion so he had a positive response to his kidnappers. Moreover Elizabeth who was kidnapped at the age of 14 years. She was taken to the middle of the forest hut and raped by Brian the kidnapper but Elizabeth did not try to escape even when she was given the freedom to leave home and make several trips. Children who are victims in this case the average starts from the age of 10 to 20 years and above.

This case of Stockholm syndrome is of concern to several figures such as the police and psychologists. In addition to these figures the case is also a concern of the author. In real-world case is the kidnapping of Patty Hearst in California in 1974. In this case Hearst and the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) were put in the trunk of a car and then asked for ransom of food for the poor in the amount of \$ 2 million and \$ 6 million more. Here, Hearst was forced to surrender and cooperate with the SLA after being threatened with death or cooperation. Novelist *Undercover*, Danielle steel was allegedly inspired by this case.

Danielle steel is American author which famous with romance and drama genre. Author born in NYC, 1947 has written more than 167 books related to novels, a book of poetry and some lyric for an album. Steel's first novel was titled *Going Home* (1973). Her career in the literary world soared since her work entitled *The Promise* (1978). Some of her works were rejected but she backed with his work entitled *Passion's Promise* (a.k.a) *Golden Moments* in (1977). Steel with genre drama and fulfillment of love needs for women, it forms a style of tendencies in her work. The famous one is *A Perfect Stranger* (1983), *Kaleidoscope* (1987), *Zoya* (1988), and *The Gift* (1994).

*Undercover* (2015) by Danielle Steel tells about a crime that happened to officials, the son of an ambassador of Argentina. In fact there are two main roles which have two different fates and at the end of the story, both are brought together to forget each of the syndromes they come through. Marshall Everett is DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) agent who has a sad past while disguising. His right hand shot was causing him to retire early as a reliable secret agent. He felt devastated until he decided to go to Paris. Marshall met the woman that was the daughter of Argentina Ambassador, Ariana Gregory who had a past with kidnapping and was still in danger. Ariana lived with the revolutionaries. Brainwashing, happiness, doctrines that are related to previous life to pregnancy passed by Ariana. In Paris Marshall met a beautiful girl, Ariana who was burying

an old box. Because of the box, Marshall decided to investigate it. Marshall discovered that Ariana was still in danger. The danger that finally brought Marshall and Ariana together. They were involved in disguising in Wyoming until good fortune came to both of them. There will be growing love problems in this criminal case.

In this novel there are certainly some reviews and comments from readers. According to reviews on *goodreads* website that contains reviews from readers. There are some positive and negative comments. As for the positive comments from this novel are the story is full of action, very detailed and interesting settings. Steel tells the corner of Paris in detail. Then the characteristics develop well, the plot is coherent, and the storyline can touch some readers. Meanwhile some negative comments are romantic impression that is very fast and easy to overcome, storyline tends to focus more on each character, Tell-Don't show. Almost all books are written in the method of "summarizing", making readers feel like they are reading a report. Then they have a childish language style. This novel was composed by a famous writer with many works, Danielle Steel. But unfortunately in this novel Steel does not get awards and requests for adaptation to be filmed. The number of sales of this novel is still unknown. This novel is published in various formats and editions. Such as audible audiobook, hardcover, paperback large print, mass market paperback, and audio CD. It can be concluded that this novel belongs to the usual category not the best seller. As for some novels that illustrate this case are as follows. *Stolen* by Lucy Christopher, *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica, *Empire of the Sun* by J.G. Ballard, *Captive* by A.J. Grainger, *The Getaway* by Jim Thompson and *Six Days of the Condor* by James Grady.

The researcher is interested in analyzing *Undercover* novel for four reasons. The first is because the character in the novel is very interesting and rarely found. The interesting about this novel is the formation of characters that are mostly made up of upper class people in society. The second reason is place

setting. The place settings here are presented in detail. Starting from Colombia, America, Argentina, Paris to the remote city of Wyoming. The third is plots that are easily understood. The two main characters' lives are told in separate chapters then at the end of the meeting they are explained in order and are easy to understand. The last is subject matter of this novel, Danielle Steel packs a love story based on crime. This is something that is still rare but here the author packs in detail and interesting. Brainwashing of abductees causes victims to fall in love with their kidnappers even faithfully. In general, kidnapping crimes will smell of violence and torture, but this is not. The victim was successfully influenced by the kidnapper and was reluctant to leave even when he was saved. Therefore, the researcher analyzed the novel entitled “STOCKHOLM SYNDROME REFLECTED ON DANIELLE STEEL *UNDERCOVER* NOVEL (2015): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH”

### **1.2 Problem of Study**

Based on the title and background, the researcher raised a problem, “How is Stockholm syndrome depicted in Danielle Steel’s novel *Undercover* viewed from a sociology of literature”. The problem statement is further stated in the following research question:

- 1.2.1 What are the indicators of Stockholm syndrome in Danielle Steel *Undercover* novel?
- 1.2.2 How is Stockholm syndrome portrayed in Danielle Steel *Undercover* novel?
- 1.2.3 Why is Stockholm syndrome specifically addressed by the author in Danielle Steel *Undercover* novel?

### **1.3 Objective of the Study**

The objective stated are as follows:

- 1.3.1 To identify indicators of Stockholm syndrome in the literary work

1.3.2 To describe how Stockholm syndrome portrayed in the literary work

1.3.3 To reveal why Stockholm syndrome specifically addressed by Danielle Steel related the novel

#### **1.4 Benefits of the Study**

The result of this research is expected to give some benefits as follows:

##### **1.4.1 Theoretical benefit**

To study the problems and knowledge in a literary work especially in *Undercover* novel written by Danielle Steel

##### **1.4.2 Practical benefit**

Practically this research will provide some influence on the researchers and subsequent researchers. For researchers, this research will add insight into the problems that occur in the novel and how to study the novel. Especially in cases and sociological theories. For the next researcher, it is hoped that this research can be used as a reference and learning about a case with the sociology of the theory that occurs in society. Especially in *Undercover* novel.

#### **1.5 Paper Organization**

The researcher arranges this research into five chapters and subchapters. First, in chapter one is introduction which consists of background of the study, problem of study, objective of study, benefit of the study and paper organization.

Second, chapter two is literature review which consists of two subchapters. In the first subchapter is previous studies which explain some similar research of this study. In the second subchapter is underlying theory which consists of the notion of sociology of literature, types of sociology of literature, Stockholm syndrome, the criteria of Stockholm syndrome, the history of Stockholm syndrome, and the known cases of Stockholm syndrome.

Third, chapter three is research method which consists of type of study, object of the study, type of the data and data source, technique of collecting data, and technique of data analysis.

Fourth, chapter four is finding and discussion. This chapter consists of four subchapters that are indicators of Stockholm syndrome, Stockholm syndrome portrayed in literary work, reason of the author concern in environmental issues, and discussion.

In the last chapter is conclusion and suggestion. In this chapter consists of three sub-chapters namely conclusion, suggestion and pedagogical implication.