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ABSTRAK


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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk: (1) mendeskripsikan jenis penyakit mental Aza yang tercermin dalam novel Turtles All The Way Down; (2) penyebab penyakit mental yang diderita Aza; (3) cara Aza mengatasi penyakit mentalnya. Penelitian ini dianalisis dengan menggunakan metode kualitatif deskriptif. Teknik pengumpulan data pada penelitian ini mengaplikasikan hasil penelitian Miles & Huberman berdasarkan reduksi, yang meliputi: proses menyeleksi data, menulis ringkasan, pemberian kode, membuat kluster, membuat partisi dan menulis memo. Penulis menggunakan teori psikoanalisis dari Sigmund Freud. Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa jenis mental illness yang diderita Aza adalah Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Id nya berperan paling kuat daripada Ego dan Superego. Penyebab Aza mengalami penyakit mental adalah berfikir obsesif dan tingkah laku kompulsifnya yang aktif. Walaupun Aza belum sembuh secara total tetapi dia sudah lebih baik karena melakukan beberapa perawatan, seperti terapi, obat, dan motivasi yang kuat.

Kata kunci: penyakit mental, novel Turtles All The Way Down, teori psikoanalisis
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This study aims to: (1) describe the type of Aza’s mental illness reflected in the novel 
Turtles All The Way Down; (2) the cause of Aza’s mental illness; (3) how Aza solves 
her mental illness. This research was analyzed using descriptive qualitative methods. 
The technique of data collection in this study apply the results of Miles & Huberman 
research based on reduction, which includes: the process of selecting data, writing 
summaries, coding, creating clusters, creating partitions and writing memos. The 
researcher uses the theory of psychoanalysis from Sigmund Freud. The results of this 
study indicate that the type of Aza’s mental illness is Obsessive Compulsive Disorder 
(OCD), the Id has the most powerful role than Ego and Superego. The causes of 
Aza’s mental illness are obsessive thought and compulsive behavior. Although Aza 
has not fully recovered, she is already better because she has done several treatments, 
such as therapy, medication, and strong motivation.

Keywords: mental illness, psychoanalytic theory, Turtles All The Way Down’s novel
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