

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

This research discusses the novel by Jojo Moyes with the title *Me Before You* (2012). This novel tells about professional characters. This novel which is a genre of romantic fiction. *Me Before You* (2012) is a Jojo Moyes romantic novel that tells of a rich and successful man, Will Traynor, whose life has changed since suffering from paralysis due to an accident two years ago. by a doctor due to an accident he suffered, he lost control of his body. Then he becomes a man who is easily offended and angry. One day, there was a girl who became his nurse 2 years later. as is known that professional character will change one's life (Will traynor) to be brighter and more spirited. She is a twentysix years old (26) girl named Louisa Clark who lives with her family. after losing a job at a cafe. She felt he had a little expertise. She was always overshadowed by his sister, Treena, Finally, Louisa went to the Job Center and was offered a job to care for disabled men. *Me Before You* (2012) by Jojo Moyes tells of someone who has a willingness or effort to try to make someone far better than before or is called a professional character who has the ability and skill of someone to do work according to the field.

Jojo Moyes (named after the Beatles' song) was born in 1969 and grew up in London. After a varied career including stints as a minicab controller, typer of braille statements for blind people for NatWest, and brochure writer for Club 18-30 she did a degree at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, London University. In 1992 She won a bursary financed by The Independent newspaper to attend the postgraduate newspaper journalism course at City University, and apart from 1994 when she worked in Hong Kong for the Sunday Morning Post, she worked at The Independent for 10 years, including stints as Assistant news editor and Arts and Media Correspondent.

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There was a twentysix years old (26) woman named Louise Clark, living with her mother and three sisters. Louise is very ambitious to get a job that has a high salary to provide for her family's life. One day Louise worked at a bakery, after a few months the bakery was closed. Louise was very worried about how to get a job again. Then go to the job center to get a job, after the Louise interview fails, then there is someone who offers a unique job (Mrs. Traynor) which is to supervise and care for a man who is disabled and unable to walk, his name Will Traynor. Mrs. Tranor is Will's mother, Will Accident since two years ago and has Pneumonia's disease and now sits in a wheelchair. At the beginning of work, Louise could not be so familiar with Will, but how to care for the will well so he could recover. Meanwhile several months will tell Louise that will not be healed forever and will experience depression and want to really give up to end his life.

Then, after a few days Louise was very disappointed with Will's words, Louise tried to encourage and smile and entertain every the day so that he will have the desire to be uplifted and be healed again as before. Because Will also said if the disease experienced now would not heal. Then Will decides to die, while Louise feels a great disappointment, because of the struggle that has no results and raises a sense of disappointment and sadness. Finally, the message from Will to Louise is "live a better life."

Jojo Moyes has been a full time novelist since 2002, when her first book, *Sheltering Rain* was published. Jojo has twice won the Romantic Novelists' Association Novel of the Year Award: in 2011 for *The Last Letter From Your Lover* and in 2003 for *Foreign Fruit*. *The Ship of Brides* and *Silver Bay* were shortlisted for the 2005 and 2007 RNA award and *Silver Bay* was shortlisted for the inaugural Good Housekeeping 2007 Book of the Year award. Her 2012 novel, *Me Before You* was nominated for Book of the Year at the UK Galaxy Book Awards. The book has also been adapted into a movie and was released in June 2016. This novel received many positive responses from readers. In Kubikelromance. (2016). *Me Before You*. Retrieved from <https://www.kubikelromance.com/2016/07/MeBeforeYou.html>

Leena's comment on July 24, 2019, said this novel is good and many messages conveyed in life must be brave, dare to choose, but not for suicide because after all life must be lived under any circumstances. the novel is a masterpiece that forces the reader to feel what is felt by the characters in the novel. He suggested that everyone should read the novel so that they could explore what they would do if they retreated to an impossible angle. Another positive response from this novel comes from MyHumbleOpinion's comments on July 1, 2016, which said that *Me Before You* is a good and satisfying summer reading book. But, on the other hand, this novel also received criticism.

The reason why researchers chose a novel titled *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes (2012) because it contains moral messages in the story. In addition, this novel is also adapted to the film of the same title published in 2015 which also

attracts more people to read the novel after watching the film to get a more complete story. The characters in the novel titled *Me Before You* are men and women who use words in conversation. Swear words in the novel are mainly found in character conversations rather than in descriptions. In addition, the novel became the New York Times number one bestseller. Therefore, this might have an influence on the reader's perspective and language style because many people read the novel *Me Before You*.

B. Problem Statement

This researcher has forms problem statement of this study, as follow :

1. What are the principles of professionalism ?
2. How are the professionalism illustrated in the novel ?
3. Why did the author address professionalism in the novel ?

C. Objective of the Study

Based on the problem statement, the objectives of this study are :

1. To identify the principles of professionalism.
2. To describe how professionalism is illustrated in the novel .
3. To reveal the reason why professionalism is address in the novel.

D. Benefit of the study

The benefits of the study tthat conducted by the research as follow :

1.Theoretical Benefits

The results of this research are expected to provide information, benefits, which will become new innovations, and contribute to greater knowledge, especially the study of literary novels from Jojo Moyes's *Me Before You*. If one day other researchers want to bring *Me Before You* as a research object and find out more about this Jojo Moyes's novel, this will help them as a reference.

2. Practical Benefits

The results of this study are expected to broaden the knowledge and experience of researchers in the practice of literary work in understanding this novel *Me Before You* by *Jojo Moyes*. This research can also be used as a reference for other researchers who are interested in conducting research on this novel.