

**STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM OF MADELEINE  
IN DANIELLE STEEL'S *JOURNEY* :  
AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**



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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

*Journey* was written by an American romantic novelist and an author of mainstream of dramas Danielle Fernande Dominique Schuleien Steel, best known as Danielle Steel who was born on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1947 in New York. She started writing stories as a child and her early career began when she become a copywriter in San Francisco, 1968. As time has progressed, Steel writing has good responses from the public. She is become the best selling author in the United State with 400 million copies of her novel sold since the 1980's. Her many international best sellers include *The Wedding*, *Second Chance*, *Ransom*, *Save Harbour*, *Sunset in St. Tropez*, *The Ghost and Dating Game*. Most her novels concern with the struggle of woman married and divorce married, like in her novel, *The House on Hope Street* and *Journey*. *Journey* is the fifty three's novel that published by Bantam Dell on October 31, 2000. The amount pages of this novel are 368 pages and consist of twenty- four chapters. *Journey* was writing based on her experiences when she has been the national chairperson for the National Committee for the presentation of child abuse. ([http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Danielle\\_Steel](http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Danielle_Steel))

Danielle Steel portrays the struggle for freedom through the main character of the novel, Madeleine better known as Maddy. There was a time in Maddy's life when she had been married with the two different character persons and lives in broken family. She knew real domestic abuse. Her first husband, Bobby Joe was abuse her as

physically. He was brutal, unkind and rough with her. He had been once broken her arms and her leg when he push her down the stairs and her life really turned into a frightening horrific nightmare. It was Jack Hunter who helps her for nightmare. She had been married now. Bobby Joe and his unthinkable abuse on her were a dim nightmare. She was a star now. Jack Hunter gave Maddy the best and treats her like a princess, including European vacation, gorgeous clothes and glamorous life. This was so different. She moved in the world of Presidents and King. She was not only Jack Hunter wife, owner of the cable network on Washington DC but also she had become as an anchorwoman on his network. It was a golden life and she loved it. But Maddy soon realize that her life was not the life that she believed to be. Jack has made the decision from the beginning of her marriage that he did not want children. Jack shows kinds of abuse to her. It was different from what she had seen happen in Chattanooga as a child between her parent and Bobby Joe, but it was a kind of mentally abuse. Jack always makes decision for her, controlled and isolated Maddy but she had no bruises only the daggers of fear humiliation and isolation. Until one day, when the president's wife offers an extraordinary opportunity, the chance to join her newly formed Commission on Violence Against Woman. At there Maddy heard the chilling stories of the woman that sound familiar and very similar in her own marriage. There, she met Bill Alexander who forcing Maddy to realize that something is terribly wrong in Maddy's marriage and beg her to open her eyes. Some accidents that happened to her, finally she made a decision to takes the first steps toward her freedom and about daring to be free in her life.

*Journey* written by Danielle Steel gets many variations of pro and contra from the public's response; they are given comments for *Journey* such as Amazon.com data that shows most of the readers like this novel. They say that the topic of *Journey* is interesting because there are prosecuted domestic violence cases and how hard it is for women to get out of the cycle of violence, such as physical abuse and emotional or mental. And the other one gives criticism toward this novel, they said that this novel had a great deal of repetition of certain phrases and words. They think it could have been shorter and just as effective to make the reader not too bored when reading it. While the other response said that the title may be not suitable with the story, because life is too short for such writing. ([http:// www.amazon.com/ Journey DanielleSteel/dp/0440237025/ref=cm\\_Imf\\_tit\\_16](http://www.amazon.com/Journey-DanielleSteel/dp/0440237025/ref=cm_Imf_tit_16))

A novel can be analyzed from the psychological point of view. The main discussion is focused on the psychological sides of the main character, for instance, the personality of the main character. In this study the writer is interested to analyze the novel *Journey* written by Danielle Steel based on that theory because it tells about a woman and her struggle to get freedom of her life. This novel also tends to show the reflection of the individual life with some complex problems than social life. Although she is a public figure in her society she also suffers from dilemmatic problems, lives under pressure, controlled and isolated by her husband. It seems impossible that a woman the nation idolized lives in degradation fear.

Therefore, there are three other reasons that support the writer to choose the novel *Journey* written by Danielle Steel being analyzed. First, the novel *Journey* is one of the novels written by the most popular author in America. Secondly, the novel

is an interesting novel which told about the woman struggle to get her freedom in her life which is there was no intimidation of any side. Lastly, the novel *Journey* reflects the real life of the complex problems. In this occasion the writer analyzes the novel *Journey* based on the theory of psychology approach entitle **STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM OF MADELEINE IN DANIELLE STEEL'S *JOURNEY*: AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**

## **B. Literature Review**

After looking for literary reviews in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, the writer found the research concerning with the *Journey's* novel done by Siti Lestari (UMS, 2005). She analyzes the need for women's Independence reflected on *Journey* novel by using feminist approach. In her problem she focused on how a woman tries to get independence for her life by showing her views and attitudes toward society, economy, politic, education, culture, and women condition at that moment

However, there is no writer who has conducted research on the struggle for freedom in Danielle Steel *Journey*. Thus, the writer decides to conduct a research in struggle for freedom of Madeleine reflected in Danielle Steel *Journey* by using An Individual Psychological Approach.

## **C. Problem Statement**

From the background of the study above, the writer would like to state the problem statement as "How is struggle for freedom of Madeleine reflected in Danielle Steel's *Journey*?"

#### **D. Limitation of the Study**

To make the research appropriate with the objectives of the study, the writer will make a limitation to the research. The writer will only focus on how the struggle for freedom of Madeleine as a Major Character shown in Danielle Steel's *Journey's* novel by using an individual psychological approach

#### **E. Objectives of the Study**

Based on the problem statement above, the writer can propose some objectives of the study below:

1. To analyze the novel based on its structural elements.
2. To analyze the novel based on an individual psychological approach..

#### **F. Benefit of the Study**

The reason why someone makes a research is to get the benefit from it and the writer expects some benefits are produced from this research, those are:

##### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

By doing this research, the writer wants to have contribution in criticizing a literary work and producing criticism as objective as possible.

##### **2. Practical Benefit**

This research can be used to know how the struggle for freedom is needed in life related to an individual psychological approach, especially on Danielle Steel's *Journey's* novel

## **G. Research Method**

The methods of the research are follows:

### **1. Type of the Study**

The writer uses descriptive qualitative research in this literary work. Crabtree and Miller (1999: 5) say that a qualitative is “an interpretive research focusing on a natural, often human, field or activity, with the goal of generating holistic and realistic description and / or explanation”.

### **2. Object of the Study**

The object of the study is *Journey* novel by Danielle Steel.

### **3. Type of the Data and the Data Sources**

#### a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source is novel, *Journey* written by Danielle Steel.

#### b. Secondary Data Source

The secondary data are taken from other sources which are related to the primary data that support the analysis. They are books and virtual references.

### **4. Techniques of the Data Collection**

The data collecting method is library research, released document to be observed.

Meanwhile, the techniques are:

- a. Reading the novel repeatedly.
- b. Taking notes of the influence information both primary and secondary data.
- c. Arranging the data into several groups based on its classifications
- d. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis
- e. Drawing conclusion and formulating suggestion.

## **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

The first steps in analyzing the data of this research are by analyzing the structural elements of the work and clarifying the obtained data by selecting the necessary ones.

Second step is analyzing data based on An Individual Psychological Approach.

## **H. Research Paper Organization**

In order to make this paper easy to be followed, the writer gives some orders for the paper organization. This thesis is divided into five chapters. Chapter I is introduction which explains the background of the study, literature review, problem statement, and limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of study, research methodology and thesis organization. Chapter II is dealing with review of underlying theory, in this writer explains the basic principle theory of individual psychology. Chapter III is structural analysis; in this chapter the writer explains the structural elements of the novel and discussion. Chapter IV is psychological analysis of the novel. And chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.