

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter explains some parts of introduction. They are background of the study, statements of research problem, objectives of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study.

### 1.1 Background of the Study

“Mental illness is common, and often devastating. In this day and age it is a treatable condition, yet many are left untreated, misunderstood. ....so that the 10 percent of people directly or indirectly affected will receive the empathy and care they need”(Karlson, 2003:9)

There is no one who expects trouble in their life, especially about mental health because life is not easy for those who are suffering a mental illness. They are always in hallucination, delusion, trauma, and fretful. Therefore, most of them have strange style in their life, for example they are isolated from other people, hurt themselves and sometime think that all people in their surrounding are enemy. It commonly happens because they need empathy and care.

Related to the previous statement, mental illness is not only applied in real life but also in literary work. Therefore, the writer used Deborah Blau's life Journey Who Is Suffering From Schizophrenia In Joanne Greenberg's *I Never Promise You A Rose Garden*. The writer chooses this work for some reasons. The first reason is about the author. Joanne Greenberg, he is an American author. He received the Harry and Ethel Durof memorial as the Jewish Book Council America award in 1963. There are many books which are created by him, such as *The King's Person*, *The Monday Voice*, *Summering*, *In This Sign*, *Sarah Laughed*,

Rite of Passage, Founder Praise, High Cream Misdemeanors, A season of The Light, ect.

The second reason is about the novel. *I Never Promise You A rose Garden* is bestselling and best known novel of Joanne Greenberg. It was adapted into a 1977 movie and a 2004 play on the same title. In this novel it describes about the struggle of a teenager againsts mental illness, her name is Deborah Blau. Deborah Blau is Jacob and Esther Blau's daughter. The story begins when Jacob and Esther take her up to meet a psychiatrist. They suspect that their beloved daughter suffers one kind of mental illness for several symptoms. For example Deborah tells her parents that she often hears strange voice that other people cannot hear. It means that she is in auditory hallucination and it sometimes makes her screams without any reason.

According to the doctor those symptoms indicate that Deborah is suffering from schizophrenia. Based on the diagnosis, Deborah must stay in the hospital for several years. The reality makes Jacob and Esther sad. They want to give their best affection for her beloved daughter but the sense of family togetherness is not enough. The interesting of the story in this novel is about Deborah 's struggle when she spends her time in the hospital where she must adapt with new place and environment until she resolves from her mental illness. Not only about mental illness that applied in this novel but also the great affection from parents to their daughter. It is shown when Jacob Blau and his wife always do everything to make Deborah recover from her illness.

Based on the previous explanation, schizophrenia is the theme of this study. This study uses psychoanalysis to analyze Schizophrenia experienced by Deborah in *I Never Promise You A rose Garden* novel, there are many character of this novel, but the writer focuses on one main character, her name is Deborah, because she has dominant character who is suffering from schizophrenia.

Schizophrenia is an interesting topic in this study, there are some students of university using this theme to analyze the novel. They are Erlita(2012) and, Cholid(2011). The difference between this present study with other studies is the data. In this study also described some stage of schizophrenia such as symptoms, impacts, and recovery from schizophrenia.

## **1.2 Statement of Research Problems**

Based on the background of the study above. This study is formulated by the following questions:

1. What are the symptoms of Deborah Blau's schizophrenia?
2. What are the impact of Deborah Blau's schizophrenia?
3. How the effort of the family and the doctor to recover Deborah Blau from schizophrenia applied in the novel?

## **1.3 The Objective of Research**

Based on the research problem this study intended:

1. To explain about the symptoms of Deborah Blau's schizophrenia
2. To explain the impact of Deborah Blau's schizophrenia
3. To explain the effort of the family and the doctor to recover Deborah Blau from schizophrenia

#### **1.4 Significance of the Study**

1. This study is theoretically expected to give contribution for further study who analyzes the same literary or theory
2. This study is practically expected to give understanding to the reader especially for amother to protect their children from schizophrenia disease and givesome solution how to overcome the disease. Therefore, hopefully this study is useful to mother and societies in order to know how terrible schizophrenia disease.

#### **1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study**

The scope of the study is psychology of schizophrenia and the application of the theory in analyzing a novel, especially Joanne Greenberg *I never promise you A rose Garden*. Therefore this study focuses on schizophrenia theory which in depicted in this novel. Moreover, the discussion of the study is limited on the utterances of the characters and author narration that appear in the story of Joanne Greenberg's *I Never Promise You A rose Garden*.