

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents some subchapters, namely background of the study, statement of research problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study and scope and limitation of the study. They are needed to explain in this study because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of the study

Everybody in this world is special. No one can hurt other people in the name of love because love is one of miracle that God gives to human. Love is pure that appears in someone's heart. Love cannot be forced because love is growing between people without any reasons. It has some kinds of love in life, such as God's love, love between parents and children, love between person to person, love our own self, love other people as friends, and others. Every kind of love has different effects for human's behaviour and mindset.

Hence, to understand about love is not easy. In addition, the effects of love are bigger more than some people thinking. But love is also healing their heart from misery of love itself. Thus that needed something to analyse the effects of love especially love of couple and then the healing process from broken heart using motherly love.

Mitch Albom is a writer from United States, one of his works is *The Time Keeper*. This novel tells about love between two teenagers that Sarah and Ethan.

Sarah is smart and weird girl according her friends in school, while Ethan is famous boy in their school because he plays in a band. Sarah likes Ethan because Ethan wants to make conversation with her. She expects that Ethan will be different with her friends in school. But Ethan just makes a game on her. Actually, he doesn't like her anymore. It makes Sarah sad and wants to suicide because she feels that no one love her. Apparently she gets a miracle. The time keeper brings her to the future. She can know what will happen next after she dies. She saws that her mother is very sad because of her died. She realizes that she has her mother who loves her without any reasons. And then, she can survive and live happily.

Therefore, the writer chooses the novel from Mitch Albom entitled *The Time Keeper* in this study. This novel shows the influences of erotic love and how the mother love can rescue Sarah Lemon from her broken heart because of Ethan. Even though some people cannot give sincere of love to other, it doesn't mean that the person who gets hurt is not suitable to be loved by others. There is their family that loving them without any reasons. Family has pure love and give affection, especially mother that cares her child honestly.

The elaboration above, the topic of this study is the influences of erotic love and mother's love in a person. Then, the theory will be used in this study is psychology of love by Erich Fromm. It means that the writer focuses on the psychology of love theory. Truly, talking about love is very interesting. Because love is something important in this life, so it persuades the writer to analyze this novel using psychology of love theory. The writer also wants to understand the

deeper meaning of love, particularly in erotic love and motherly love that presence in the novel.

Previously, this theory also has been used by some researchers in their study, that are Rizqi Darmastuti Nur Fatimah from University of Trunojoyo Madura, Lailul Mufida from University of Trunojoyo Madura, Efrida Ita from Sanata Dharma University, Deni Satriyo W and Ariyajati from Faculty of Humanities Diponegoro University, and Ramon Solves Pujol and Hiroyuki Umemuro from Tokyo Institute of Technology.

The first researcher is Rizqi Darmastuti Nur Fatimah from University of Trunojoyo Madura in 2016. She analyzed *Mamie-Roses Affection in Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt's Oscar and the Lady in Pink*. The result of this study is mother will give her love and affection to her child even though her child is not her biologically child. She will do anything for her child without any reasons.

The second researcher of this theory is Lailul Mufida from University of Trunojoyo Madura in 2017 entitled *Mother Love and the Impact to Hazel's Personality in John Green's the Fault in Our Stars*. The result of this study is motherly love gives bad effects for Hazel's personality.

The third researcher using this theory is Efrida Ita from Sanata Dharma University Yogyakarta in 2009 entitled *the Main Characters' Motivations in Maintaining their Love Relationship as Seen in Colleen McCullough's the Torn Birds*. The result of this study is analyzing the character's motivations for maintaining their love relationship.

The fourth researcher using this theory is in a journal entitled *Erotic Love Reflected in Elizabeth Barrett Browning's How do I Love Thee?* by Deni Satriyo W and Ariyajati from Faculty of Humanities Diponegoro University. The result of this study shows that love desire that is felt by Elizabeth Barret Browning is not a sexual contact but it is a wish to be a couple of lover.

The last is a journal from Ramon Sloves Pujol and Hiroyuki Umemuro from Tokyo Institute of Technology entitled *Productive Love: A New Approach for Designing Affective Technology*. The result of this study explains about technology is used to create the conditions to find ways to improve love. These previous studies can be proof that this study is original and never been analyzed before.

1.2 Statement of Research Problems

Based on the background of the study, this study discusses about *The Influences of Erotic Love and Motherly Love in Sarah Lemon in Mitch Albom's the Time Keeper*. Then, the questions that are related to the statement of the problem are below:

1. What are the influences of erotic love in Sarah Lemon's life in Mitch Albom's *The Time Keeper*?
2. How does motherly love reduce the bad effects of erotic love on Sarah Lemon in Mitch Albom's *The Time Keeper*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Related to the statement of research problems above, the objectives of the study are to describe:

1. The influences of erotic love in Sarah Lemon's life in Mitch Albom's *The Time Keeper*.
2. How motherly love reduces the bad effects of erotic love on Sarah Lemon in Mitch Albom's *The Time Keeper*.

1.4 Significances of the Study

Dealing with previous discussion, this study has some benefits and gives some significance as follow:

1. Theoretically, this study gives further understanding psychoanalysis of love theory, the influences of erotic love, and the resolve problem using mother's love that was purposed by Erich Fromm.
2. Practically, this study will guide us to understand what the effects of love are and understand the important part of mother's love for her child. In addition, this study can be useful as reference for student of English Department in order to analyze with the same theory.

1.5 Scope and Limitations

The writer emphasizes the scope of the study in using psychoanalysis of love which is explained by Erich Fromm. Especially, the influences of erotic love and the three aspects of mother's love; care and responsibility, the attitude, and

mother wish. The data are limited on the utterances of the characters and narrations of the author in *The Time Keeper*. It relates to the influences of erotic love in Sarah Lemon's character and about the motherly love, Lorraine, to give the care, responsibility, and attitude and mother wish to her daughter in novel *The Time Keeper*.