

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents sub chapters which consist of background of the study, research questions, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of Study

Exploitation is a problem in every country it is very unfortunate, even in developed countries exploitation is still a lot, such as in the continent of Asia. According to Lepcha (2016:28), human trafficking is a form of exploitation human or child trafficking is a major problem in south Asia Economic injustice social injustice, unemployment, and poverty. Based on forced, or exacerbate child trafficking in south Asia include the patriarchal social structure.

This study discusses about exploitation of children according to Alan Wertheimer (1999:4), types of child exploitation: include child trafficking phenomena. Child trafficking is an effective tool that serves several purposes for personal or group interests, it also generates revenue and contributes to psychologically crushing children child trafficking includes commercial sexual exploitation, domestic work, sex trafficking, and child labor trafficking. Lots victims tend to come from areas with previous history of abuse the risk that is experienced, the child becomes accustomed to the situation, and becomes the next predator (Middleton, et al. 2022: 1).

This study explores a novel based on a true story, the novel raises a story of child exploitation entitled *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The novel *Before We Were Yours* is a bestseller, this novel appears on the wall street journal Publishers weekly USA today and a work time best seller lists. This novel is very famous in America, true account of how Georgia Tann while working as the director of a Memphis adoption agency have abducting and selling. “*Before We Were Yours*” by Lisa Wingate is a heartbreaking yet inspiring story about the

various aspects of life that take us into the story.

Child abuse often occurs in private care settings perhaps with members of their own extended family, this type of exploitation is on the rise and involves traffickers demanding state benefits on behalf of the victims, The money is then withheld from the victim and kept by the traffickers victims tend to be younger, as younger children are more difficult to identify and qualify for longer benefits victims may also have multiple false identities. There is evidence that children exploited for housing benefits are moved between different addresses often different regions and under the care of different adults, which raises a number of protection issues (Lepcha, 2016:6).

To study the phenomenon of exploitation of children, the writer uses theory of Marxism by Karl Marx. This study uses the theory of Marxism by Karl Marx because the discussion about exploitation of children because, Marxism discusses the concept of class struggle, where the exploitation of children is closely related to class struggle, the children of the orphanage are called the proletariat who are tortured and the owners of the orphanage are the bourgeoisie who take advantage of the proletariat. According to David Harvey (Harvey 2008:33) Karl-Marx argues that the history of society up to now is the history of class struggle. There are free nobility and slaves who are bound by masters with ownership of the means of production and workers who only have the means of production the bourgeoisie has exploited the market he has targeted, and all that can be used to his advantage the disillusionment of the oppositionists, the peoples are withdrawn replaced by more intent workers.

Throughout History, there have always been the rich and the poor. While the proletariat or the lower class is always trying to liberate and improve their status, the bourgeoisie, therefore this study explore *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate which shows how injustice and proper behavior are always oppressed by the rulers. This novel is very interesting, because it tells us about injustice against children who are always made for trade by people. The approach of the powerful and the oppressed that focuses on child exploitation will be used in this study. Therefore, "Exploitation Of Children in Novel *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa

Wingate are has chosen as the title of this research, and using the theory of Marxism, a discussion of child exploitation was conducted. From the explanation above, this study uses a data source, a novel entitled *Before We Were Yours*. This study analyzes child exploitation in *Before We Were Yours* because the issue is dominant in the novel, the main character in the novel commits acts of exploitation against children, That is the reason child exploitation is appropriated to analyze *Before We Were Yours*.

There are some previous studies which are related with the topic, No study has used the novel as the source of their study. However, there are only studies Quite similar with the topic of adjustment, it is an undergraduate thesis entitled *Child Exploitation Reflected in Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist novel (1838): A Sociological Approach*. The objectives of this study are to analyze cause and effect of child exploitation according to the Oliver Twist (1838) novel by Charles Dickens, the writer is find five aspects such as social aspect, economic aspect, cultural aspect, religious aspect and science and technology aspect based on Oliver Twist novel by Charles Dickens.

The Second previous study was conducted by Novita Dwi Wulandari (2016) entitled "*An Analysis of underage children exploitation in "A Little princess Novel by franness hodgson burnett"*", This research is a case study with the exploitation and the psychological effects of exploitation resulted in A Little Princess novel. This research focused on finding out the effect of exploitation that influenced psychology of children by the characters and the cause of exploitation in the novel, the objectives of this research were (1) to find out the reflection of children exploitation that occurred in the novel (2) to find out the factors causes of exploitation that happened in the novel (3) to find out the effect of exploitation to the children psychology. The last is journal by Nureni Kakanegi, Fachmi Alhadar, Nurfani, University Khairun (2018) entitled "*The Child Exploitation in Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (viewed From Marxist Theory)*" this research discusses the exploitation of children in the novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll Viewed from Marxist Theory, the research finds that children in domestic and Industrial sectors of industrial sectors of industrial

revolution are exploited by the dangerous working tasks, bad treatments, and worst conditions of work place these aspects effects less education and health issues for the children.

From the explanation above, no previous studies which have been mentioned as a source of data a novel before we were yours, Marxism approach is used to analyzes child exploitations in the novel we can analyze the literary work used Marxism, This study analyzes child exploitations in Before we were yours because the topic is dominant in the novel and *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate novel interesting to be discussed and this phenomenon is often occur reality.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background of the study above, there are research questions, as follow:

1. What forms of exploitation are carried out by the authorities, Tennessee Children's in novel *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate?
2. What are the actions or resistance of the oppressed children of Tennessee Children's in novel *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate?
3. What does the exploiter do after exploitation issue was uncovered?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

According to research questions above, the objectives of the study are to reveal:

1. The form of exploitation carried out by the ruler
2. The actions or resistance of oppressed children
3. The exploiters do after exploitation issue was uncovered

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study is expected to provide theoretical and practical advantages.

- a. Theoretical advantage

This study will be useful to support theory of Marxism this study also can

contribute in strengthening the understanding of literary theory, especially theory of Marxism. It also can give references in literary study in terms of Marxism.

b. Practical advantage

This study is expected to make the readers interested to think critically about Marxism. The Writer hopes that this study can make the readers understand about child exploitation and prevent cases of child exploitation. Sometimes, people do not care about what's going on around them. Therefore, it is important to understand and be a little sensitive to cases of child exploitation. In addition, this research is also expected to provide additional support and information for other researchers who are interested in researching similar or relevant studies, especially for students of the English study program at University of Trunojoyo Madura.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study forms of exploitation was carried out by the authorities on Tennessee children, the actions or resistance of the oppressed children and what the exploiters do after the issue of exploitation is uncovered, and uses the theory of Marxism. A entitled *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, This research to discuss the exploitation of children in an orphanage, which is misused by the chairman of the foundation to get more profit.