

AN ANALYSIS ON MAIN CHARACTERS' FRUSTRATION IN "TUCK EVERLASTING" NOVEL BY NATALIE BABBITT

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ABSTRACT

Novel is one of literary works that presents series events of human life or experience in the form of fictional narrative. The writer took "Tuck Everlasting" novel written by Natalie Babbitt to be analyzed in this study because there are many kinds of reactions done by main characters such as aggressive reaction, withdrawal reaction, and compromise reaction. Dealing with this study, the writer intended to find out the reaction of main characters' frustration, and the most dominant reaction of frustration in the novel "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt.

In analyzing novel "Tuck Everlasting", the writer used a descriptive research because this research sought to describe or interpret particular problems which existed in the novel without formal testing of hypotheses. In focusing and limiting the study, the writer used the objective approach. This approach used because the writer only studied the work itself without studying the author's life and background of the work. The object of this study was novel "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt which the data were derived from some paragraphs and dialogues that related to the reaction of main characters' frustration.

The result of this study showed that there were six reactions of frustration done by the main characters in the novel "Tuck Everlasting". Those were: (1) Jesse's compromise reaction was rationalization; Jesse forbade Winnie not to drink the water because the water was dirty and dangerous; (2) Tucks' aggressive reaction was suicide; Jesse ate the poison of toadstool, Mae cut her self, Angus got snake bite and shot him with long shot gun, and Miles got hunter; (3) Mae's aggressive reaction was free floating anger; Mae was really angry to the man in yellow suit then Mae killed him by shooting him with long shot gun. (4) Tucks' withdrawal reaction was beatnik reaction and nomadism; Tucks lived in a secret place of forest and far away from society. Besides, Tucks' life always moved from one place to other places; (5) Mae's withdrawal reaction was repression; Mae tried to forget all about the secret and her life in order to make her feeling little bit calm; (6) Angus's withdrawal reaction was fantasy; Angus imagined that he and his family lived as normal people and he wanted to die. Besides, the most dominant reaction of main characters' frustration was Mae's aggressive reaction by doing free floating anger reaction. In this reaction, Mae was very angry to the man in yellow suit. Then, she killed him by shooting with long shotgun and made him passed away.