

AN ANALYSIS OF SOCIAL CONFLICTS FACED BY SAMAN IN AYU UTAMI'S NOVEL "SAMAN"



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Novel is a long story that is written in prose. It has elements such as plot, point of view, character, characterization, conflict, setting, and theme. This analysis stressed on the Saman's social conflicts, the cause of Saman's social conflict, and the end of Saman's social conflict in Ayu Utami's novel "SAMAN" which is very interesting and challenging.

In this study, the writer used descriptive qualitative research design in which it was only purposed to describe and interpret what exist in the novel. Meanwhile, the technique used in this study was library research. Moreover, the writer employed objective approach because the writer just analyzed what exist in the novel without correlating the author's background. Later, the object of the study was Ayu Utami's novel.

After analyzing the problems, the writer concludes that there are four social conflicts faced by Saman with several people: a) Saman's social conflict with Upi's family , b) Saman's social conflict with company, c) Saman's social conflict with Upi, d) Saman social conflict with villagers.

The causes of social conflict faced by Saman there were as follows: a) saman could not bear to see Upi's suffering lived in uncomfortable place. b) Saman and company because the company was losing their money in the rubber plantation and they had handled over the plantation to a new company that wanted to turn it into a palm oil plantation, but on the other hand, the rubber plantation that Saman handled had been profitable. c) Saman tried to build a new cage for Upi and Saman approached Upi's cage. d) Saman and Villager because the people of Lumbukrantau and surrounding must sign the agreement and cut down their rubber trees.

The ends of Saman's social conflicts were as follows: a) Saman built a cage for Upi. b) Saman warned the villager not to sign a blank piece of paper. c) Saman made statue for Upi. d) Saman wanted the company to issue a copy of the agreement to every household had and he also wanted to do their negotiations directly with the company.