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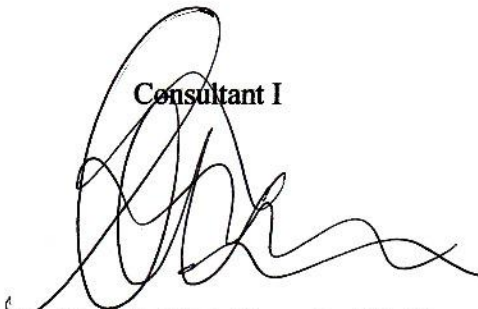
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## SUMMARY

### **STRUGGLE FOR LIFE REFLECTED IN DAVE PELZER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY *A CHILD CALLED "IT" : ONE CHILD'S COURAGE TO SURVIVE (1999): AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH***

*This study is about struggle for life. The problem of this study is to reveal how the struggle in major character during the abusive is reflected in A Child Called "it" autobiography created by Dave Pelzer published in 1999. There are two objectives: the first is to analyze the novel in term of structural elements and the second is to analyze the novel based on individual psychological approach.*

*The object of the study is A Child Called "It" Autobiography by Dave Pelzer. The research used individual psychological approach. This study belongs to qualitative research. In this research, there are two types of data, namely primary and secondary data source. The primary data source is the novel while the secondary data is other materials related to the study. Both data are collected through library research and analyzed by descriptive analysis.*

*The result of the study shows the following conclusions. First, based on the structural analysis it can be found that in the A Child Called "it Autobiography, Dave Pelzer delivers message that struggle for life is important in everyone's life because it is absolutely required to reach a good life. Second, based on the individual psychological approach the result shows that the most influential aspect in the struggle for life is being adaptable person.*

**Keywords:** *struggle for life, A Child Called "It", Individual Psychological Approach*

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