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**ABSTRACT**

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*The major problem of this study is fatherhood. How a father shows his love to his lovely daughter. The objective of this study is to analyze this novel based on humanistic approach. The writer employs qualitative method. The writer uses two data sources: primary and secondary. The primary data source of the study is Winners novel by Danielle Steel. Secondary data are the supporting data taken from literary books, criticism, and some articles related to the novel. The secondary data of the study are taken from any information related to the novel. The method of data collection is the researcher will employ the descriptive qualitative research. Based on the analysis, the researcher gets some conclusions. The study shows that the problem faced by the major character is a fatherhood. It is proven by a father, Bill Thomas. Bill has a child, her name is Lily Thomas. Lily is a smart, energetic and strong girl. Bill loved Lily so much. Bill wants the best things for Lily. Lily can fulfill the five basic needs by Abraham Maslow (Physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, esteem needs, and self-actualization needs).*

Keywords: *Winners, father, love, life problem.*

**ABSTRAK**

*Masalah utama dalam penelitian ini adalah sifat keayahan. Bagaimana seorang ayah menunjukkan rasa cintanya terhadap anak perempuan yang sangat dicintainya. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menganalisis novel ini berdasarkan pendekatan humanistik. penulis menggunakan metode kualitatif. Penulis menggunakan dua sumber data: primer dan sekunder. Sumber data primer dari penelitian ini adalah novel Winners karya Danielle Steel. Data*

sekunder dari penelitian ini diperoleh dari beberapa informasi yang berhubungan dengan novel tersebut. Metode pengumpulan data adalah deskriptif kualitatif. Berdasarkan pada analisis, peneliti mendapatkan beberapa kesimpulan. penelitian ini memunculkan masalah terhadap tokoh utama dan tokoh tambahan tentang sifat keayahan. Ini dibuktikan oleh seorang ayah, Bill Thomas. Bill mempunyai seorang anak bernama Lily Thomas. Lily adalah seorang gadis yang pintar, kuat dan energik. Dia begitu mencintai Lily Thomas. Bill ingin memberikan sesuatu yang terbaik untuk Lily. Dan Lily dapat memenuhi lima basik kebutuhan oleh Abaraham Maslow (*Physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, estem needs, and self-actualization needs*).

Kata kunci: *Winners, Ayah, cinta, masalah hidup.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Everybody has a family. Everyone loved their family so much especially their father. They try to give the best thing such as love to all the member of the family. Love does not only come from sweetheart but also comes from a father. According to Tanfer and Mott (1997), man becomes father when he has his first child, this status is fixed such that once a man becomes a father he is always a father. He may subsequently has more children or his responsibilities and activities may change due to divorce or children leaving home or for other reasons but he is always a father.

Fatherhood then is status attained by having a child and is irrevocable (unless an only child dies). Tanfer and Mott (1997) distinguish between “fatherhood” as a status attained by having a child, and “fathering” which includes the pro creative act and all the child rearing roles that fathers may fulfill. Fatherhood has a big influence for his children. It can be seen in literary work in the novel. One of the novels that shows the fact of fatherhood is *Winners*. *Winners* novel was written by Danielle Steel.

Danielle Femandes Dominique Schuelein-Steel who wrote the *Winners* novel that full of life experience. Danielle Steel is one of the world’s most popular and highly acclaimed authors, with over ninety international bestselling novels in priort and more than 600 million copies of her novels sold. She is also the author of *His Bright Light*, *The Story of her son Nick Traina’s life and death: A Gift of Hope*, a memoir of her work with the homeless; and *Pure Joe*, about the dog she and her family have loved (Steel, 2013).

Steel also writes a novel on October 29, 2013, the title is "*Winners*". Steel introduces characters striving to overcome tragedy and discover the inner resources and resilience to win at life. *Winners* is about tragic accident that happen for the young woman, her names is Lily. At just seventeen, Lily Thomas is already a ski champion training for the olympics, her hearth set on winning the gold. But in one moment, Lily's future is changed forever-her hopes for olympics triumph swept away in a tragic accident. Her father, Bill, reguses to accept Lily's fate, while her neurosurgeon, Dr Jessie Matthews, is adamant that all hope is not lost. But when Jessie endures a tragedy of her own, her spirit is truly tested. Then Bill decides to build a rehab facility for his daughter and transforms countless other lives too...(Steel, 2013)

The researcher focus on the study to describe *Winners* novel (2013) based on structural elements of the novel, humanistic psychological approach and also analyze fatherhood in *Winners* novel (2013) based on humanistic psychological approach.

## **2. RESEARCH METHOD**

In analyzing *Winners* novel by Danielle Steel (2013) the researcher uses qualitative research. The research does not use enumeration and calculation. The researcher classifies her research into qualitative research because the research does not need a statistic data to analyze and explore the facts. It consists of word, phrase and sentences. The data sources consist of two categories; they are primary data source and secondary data source. The primary data source is the novel itself. The secondary data source is about humanistic and all relevant materials in the novel. The techniques of data collection the researcher used are reading and understanding *Winners* novel as well as the secondary data source from the other books, identifying data that can be analyzed, classifying data into some categories, determining the theory of literature which is relevant for analyzing the data, and searching the other reference that can be used to analyze data. The object of the study is to analyze the environmental protection in *Winners* novel (2013) on a humanistic psychological approach. The analysis is begun from the structural

analysis of the work and finally the humanistic analysis of the literary of literary works. The steps analyzing the data are as follows: first, analyzing the data based on its structural elements, second, analyzing the data based on humanistic analysis.

### **3. RESEARCH FINDING AND DISCUSSION**

In resulting of the research, the researcher would draw some result as follows. They are in the four major aspects about humanistic psychology. They are physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, self-esteem needs, and self actualization.

#### **3.1 Finding**

##### **a. Physiological Needs**

Physiological needs are the most basic needs of all human needs. These needs are the essential to human survivals. It means that all humans life will be motivated this needs first, before they are motivated by the other needs. The example of physiological needs are the need for breathe, the need for water, the need for eat, the need for clothes, the need for sleep, the need for drink. This novel reflects physiological needs for the major character. Lily Thomas is the major character from this novel. Lily Thomas can breathe easily and freely without any pollution. When the Chrismast break Lily and her father go to Squaw Valley to spend time their holiday. Actually they live in Denver. Her father gives the best things for Lily. Start from she can enjoy her daily activities more easily with good facilities. She can enjoy her comfortable sleep and can take a shower. Her needs can be fulfilled by Lily Thomas.

##### **b. Safety Needs**

Lily Thomas also need a safety. He father always care about Lily's life. He protect her from anything when Lily need her. Bill Thomas loved her so much. He would not something wrong about Lily. His focuses only on Lily. He must to kept Lily everytime by hissself because his wife was died when Lily 3 years old.



Bill Thomas lived for her, and Lily adored him. Bill had seen protect Lily when Lily gets an accident in Squaw Valley when she play ski in chairlift in bad weather. Unfortunately, the cable of chairlift has broke. She got an accident and she diagnosed T10 spinal cord injury complete. and she never walk again. She must sit a wheelchair. She never give up about her condition right now. Bill always accompanies her in a hospital. With the condition, her father is does not give up. He make an effort to make Lily can walk again. he bought Lily around the world to consult with special doctor in there. Bill shettled the luxurious plane with the nurse who help Lily's need make it easier during the trip. Bill also renovates their house to make Lily easier after come back from rehab. Because now Lily use with wheelchair to do all her needs. so the house before is not suitable for Lily.

c. Belongingness and Love Needs

Belongingness and love needs are complete in Lily's life. She gets that from her lovely father, Bill Thomas. Bill always gives everything that Lily's needs. When Lily in a Craig rehab, her father always care and visits Lily. Her neurosurgeon also gives more attention for Lily so much. Dr. Jessie Matthews does anything to recover and make Lily well after she got an accident when she plays ski in Squaw Valley. Dr. Jessie Matthews is a string woman and professional doctor, although Jessie has many bis problems that is her husband was dead when she operate Lily from accident in skiing. Joe as Bill's friend have a symphatic for Jessie. he also loves Lily so much, he try to entertain Bill as his best friend with the Lily's condition.

d. Esteem Needs

The Esteem needs have two types. The first is needs for self-respect and the second is the esteem for others. Lily Thomas can satisfy her self-respect. She believe that her life is must go on. If she always trains play skiing she can follow a competition of skiing although she used the wheelchair. everyday she always trains to play ski and she will be a winner and hoping to win the gold in the competition of skiing.

e. Self - Actualization Needs

Self actualization is the highest level of Abraham Maslow. Maslow tells that the need of self-actualization as “the desire to become more and more what one is, to become everything that one is capable of becoming” (Griffin,n.d).

Lily can fulfill her need by her lovely father. She has an ability to face her real life whatever in happiness or sadness. Lily Thomas finished the rehabilitation in Craig. And her life must go on. She continue her study to the collage, she wants to go for Ph.D on psycho program. She hopes that she can work with SCI kids after she finished her study in Priceton. She really wants to become psychologist like Carole. Although Lily must using the wheelchair but she has a big dream, she wants to become the winner in ski champion. Lily’ condition is not make Lily give up to reach her big dream becomes true. finally, she gets the silver medal. And Lily Pad was really realized. Bill Thomas is a wonderful father for Lily.

After the explanation above, Lily can complete the hierarchy of human needs based on Abraham Maslow: Lily Thomas can fulfill the five basic hierarchy of needs that is physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, self esteem needs and self actualization needs. Lily Thomas as the major character can complete her needs by her father, Bill Thomas. Lily Thomas has full of spirit that make her always ready the real life. She always try to reach her big dream although that is too hard. She can prove the people around her that have a big problem the life must go on. Lily still survive

#### 4. CONCLUSION

After analyzing the story of Danielle Steel’s *Winners*, the researcher concluded the humanistic approach that influence the major character. The researcher concludes that *Winners* novel used humanistic psychological to be analyze the major character that is Lily Thomas. The theory that is used the hierarchy of human needs by Abraham Maslow. Lily Thomas can fulfill the five basic hierarchy of needs that is physiological needs, safety needs, belongingness and love needs, self esteem needs and self actualization needs.

The physiological needs complete by Lily Thomas. Bill Thomas give a lot of the Lily's needs such as breathe, foods, drink, clothes. She can get clothes, food, drink, and comfortable sleep with luxurious room. Her father give the best things for his lovely daughter. Bill Thomas can fulfill Lily Thomas's needs. He is a good bussinesman so he has money and ability to make the needs of Lily can be complete and perfectly.

The safety need of Lily also can complete by her father, Bill Thomas. He always care with Lily activity everyday and everytime. He protect Lily about anything. He want to give the best for Lily because his focuses only on Lily. He loves Lily so much. Lily gets safety need by her father when she get an accident in play ski. She diagnosed that never walk again because the spinal cord injury was complete. her father always accompanied Lily everyday everytime. Bill never give up about the condition. He make an effort to come back the Lily's condition is well. He brough Lily around the world to consult with special neurosurgeon and shettled the luxurious plane and nurse to help Lily's need during the trip.

Belongingness and love are complete in Lily's life. She get the belongingness and love by her lovely father. Bill Thomas gives soul, love and hearth only for his priority that is Lily Thomas.

Esteem need is fulfill by Lily Thomas. Lily Thomas can satisfy her self-respect. She believe that her life is must go on. If she always trains play skiing she can follow a competition of skiing although she used the wheelchair. everyday she always trains to play ski and she will be a winner and hoping to win the gold in the competition of skiing. Lily can fulfill the self-esteem needs by fatherhood. She has the ability in play ski. Her father gives the support and attention for Lily to follow the Champion. She gets respects from the other after she gets an accident in play ski. But she never give up about her condition although she never walk again and used the wheelchair to handle her activity. She believed that she can do it again if she trains trains trains everyday. She want to realized her dream in skiing again.

Based on the explanation above, Danielle Steel shows the story of how to be A good father, survive, family and fight. Their family shows that they can survive in many situation and condition. They give motivation and attention to each other. The

author also reveals friendship between Lily and her friend also closed with Dr. Jessie Matthews. Danielle steel shows how Lily still survive to get the winner in the champion of skiing. She can proved to the people around her that she can reach her big dream although she used the wheelchair.

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