ABSTRACT

This thesis is discussing about psychological disorder as reflected in the character of Brian MacKinnon in Beverly Barton’s novel As Good As Dead. Brian, as the main character is worth to analyze because he suffers mental disorder, which determines the storyline of the novel. Therefore, in order to analyze the killer’s mental disorders, the writer uses Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalytic theory to find the connection between the killers’ past experiences and the future action. Through the analysis, it was found that the character suffers disorders such as delusion, obsession, and past trauma, which he experienced during his childhood. Freud’s theory explains the manifestation of the action of these psychological phenomena through the concept of personality structure and defense mechanisms. As the result, it is found that these psychological disorders determine the characteristics of the main character that made the main character cannot differentiate between reality and imagination.

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