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Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to find out major symbols in The Little Prince novel. It has been known that symbol is part of literary work like poems, songs, paintings, dramas; narratives which have messages that are indirectly delivered by symbols. The writer also compared the denotative meaning of each symbol with its symbolic meaning to make people understand that the symbols used have different meaning with its real meaning. The method used in this study is qualitative method because this method is suitable to examine the symbols used in the novel. From the research that has been done, the writer found that in The Little Prince novel there are some symbols that build the story into one and have great impact from the beginning until the end of the story. The writer found five major symbols in the story there are Desert, Stars, Baobab, Water, and Rose. These five major symbols are related one another in the story and make the story more fascinating.
ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui symbol – symbol utama yang ada dalam novel *The Little Prince*. Seperti yang sudah di ketahui bahwa sebuah karya literature erat hubungannya dengan simbol seperti dalam puisi, lagu, lukisan, drama, cerita yang memiliki pesan tersirat didalamnya dan secara tidak langsung di sampaikan dalam bentuk simbol. Peneliti dalam menganalisa hal ini juga akan membandingkan arti denotative dengan arti sebuah hal secara simbolik sehingga orang bisa memahami bahwa sebuah hal biasanya akan memiliki arti yang berbeda dengan arti sesungguhnya. Metode analisa yang digunakan adalah kualitatif karena metode inilah yang sangat tepat untuk memecahkan masalah yang ada dan dalam proses menganalisa simbol tidaklah dibutuhkan kalkulasi yang mendalam. Dari penelitian yang sudah dilakukan, penulis menemukan bahwa didalam novel *The Little Prince* ada beberapa symbol yang membangun cerita menjadi satu dan memiliki pengaruh besar dari awal sampai akhir cerita. Penulis menemukan lima symbol utama didalam cerita yaitu, Gurun, Bintang, Baobab, air, dan Mawar. Lima simbol tersebut berkaitan satu dengan yang lain didalam cerita dan membuat cerita tersebut menjadi lebih menarik.