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ABSTRACT

This novel is one shape of literature work that can give pity, empathy and give the moral messages to the reader. The Secret Garden is a novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett which gives the illustration clearly about a little boy named Collin Craven who gets mental retardation or subaverage general intellectual functioning. In this novel can be seen that Collin is an introvert person.

In this thesis, the writer discussed and analyzed about Collin’s mental retardation using psychological approach. But, after Mary Lennox, his cousin comes, can bring significant change for Collin into an extrovert person. The existence of Mary Lennox can bring message to the reader about the importance of cousin existence and brotherhood to help the cousin who suffered mental disability. The strong sincerity, hard effort and brotherhood feeling of Mary Lennox can be a reflection for the readers.

The result from the analysis shows that Collin’s mental retardation brings influence to Collin’s personality development.
ABSTRAK

Novel ini merupakan salah satu bentuk dari karya sastra yang mungkin dapat menggugah rasa kasihan, empati dan memberikan pesan – pesan moral kepada para pembaca. The Secret Garden merupakan salah satu novel karya Frances Hodgson Burnett yang memberikan gambaran yang jelas tentang seorang anak laki – laki kecil yang bernama Collin Craven yang mengalami retardasi mental atau keterlambatan fungsi jasmaniah anak. Dalam novel ini dapat dilihat bahwa Collin adalah pribadi yang introvert.

Dalam skripsi ini penulis membahas dan menganalisa tentang retardasi mentalnya Collin dengan menggunakan pendekatan psikologis. Tapi setelah Mary Lennox, sepupunya datang, dapat membawa perubahan yang berarti untuk Collin, yaitu menjadi pribadi yang extrovert. Kehadiran Mary Lennox dapat memberikan pesan kepada pembaca tentang pentingnya kehadiran saudara dan pentingnya persaudaraan untuk tolong – menolong saudara yang menderita yaitu kecacatan mental. Ketulusan, usaha yang keras dan rasa persaudaraan yang begitu kuat pada diri Mary Lennox mungkin dapat menjadi suatu renungan yang berguna bagi para pembaca.

Hasil dari analisa yang dilakukan menunjukkan bahwa retardasi mental Collin membawa dampak pada perkembangan kepribadian Collin.