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ABSTRACT

The Other Side of Truth, one of Beverley Naidoo’s novel, tells about the struggle of a Black Nigerian girl named Sade Solaja. Her mother died because she was shot by the Nigerian Government due to her father’s criticizing articles towards Nigerian Government. After the tragedy happened, her family must send Sade with her little brother to their Uncle in London. Unfortunately, their father was missing so they must survive as homeless children in London. Sade’s mother’s death became traumatic experiences for her. She also experienced other unpleasant events which makes her condition go worse. Besides these, Sade must keep struggling to survive so Sade and her brother can meet their father again in London.

In analyzing the novels, the approach which is used is psychological with DSM IV theories for analyzing what psychological effects that Sade has after experiencing some traumatic events. Alfred’s Adler Individual theories is also used to analyze how Sade can overcome her problems, dealing with her Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and at last, she can make her hope comes true. By describing Sade’s fictional finalism, striving for perfection, inferiority feelings and compensation, social interest, style of life and creative self, the writer wants to show in detail how Sade deals her Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to overcome her problems. It is interesting to find in this thesis, that the smart, brave and strong character of Sade was inspiring. As a child, she can do more to what an adult may not be able to do.

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ABSTRAK
