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MORAL VALUE OF NOVEL “AYAH MENGAPA AKU BERBEDA?” BY AGNES DAVONAR

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ABSTRACT

The novel entitled “Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?” is a novel that tells the story of Angel's life from childhood as a child with special needs. Angel's mother died while giving birth to Angel. His father patiently took care of Angel who was deaf since birth, sincerely made Angel like a normal child in general so that Angel would not feel discouraged. Her father's struggle so that Angel can attend public schools and get an education like children, in general, is not easy, because Angel has been rejected from several schools because Angel is deaf. This situation awakens Angel to always be grateful to God for everything he gets to form Angel into a person who is always grateful and does not give up easily. Novel “Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?” Agnes Davonar's work has been successfully made into a film to educate every film audience to always be grateful for everything they have. This study uses qualitative methods, methods used to investigate, find, describe, and explain the quality or advantages of social influences that cannot be explained by a quantitative approach. This research is expected to have a positive impact on everyone who reads it and can implement it in life.

Keywords: moral value; novel; qualitative method; Agnes Davonar.

ABSTRAK

Novel berjudul “Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?” adalah sebuah novel yang menceritakan tentang kehidupan Angel sejak kecil sebagai anak berkebutuhan khusus. Ibu Angel meninggal saat melahirkan Angel. Ayahnya dengan sabar merawat Angel yang tuli sejak lahir, dengan tulus menjadikan Angel seperti anak normal pada umumnya agar Angel tidak merasa patah semangat. Perjuangan ayahnya agar Angel bisa bersekolah di sekolah umum dan mengenyam pendidikan seperti anak-anak pada umumnya tidaklah mudah, karena Angel telah ditolak dari beberapa sekolah karena Angel tuli. Keadaan ini menyadarkan Angel untuk selalu bersyukur kepada Tuhan atas segala yang didapatnya hingga membentuk Angel menjadi pribadi yang selalu bersyukur dan tidak mudah menyerah. Novel “Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?” Karya Agnes Davonar telah berhasil dibuat menjadi sebuah film untuk mengedukasi setiap penonton film untuk selalu mensyukuri segala yang dimiliki. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif, metode yang digunakan untuk menyelidiki, menemukan, mendeskripsikan, dan menjelaskan kualitas atau keunggulan pengaruh sosial yang tidak dapat dijelaskan dengan pendekatan kuantitatif. Penelitian ini diharapkan dapat memberikan dampak positif bagi setiap orang yang membacanya dan dapat menerapkannya dalam kehidupan.

Kata Kunci: nilai moral; novel; metode kualitatif; Agnes Davonar.

INTRODUCTION

Literary work is an art created by humans in the form of writing as a description of various objects (Attridge, 2017). Literature itself comes from the Sanskrit shaastra which means text that contains instructions or guidelines. A literary work can describe all objects and all movements that exist in this world and then put them in written form (Inglood, 2021). Literary works can also be called a reflection of social life, as can be seen from many novels that some scenes from the novel are usually often encountered

in people's lives. Literary works provide a reflection or reflection of the reality that is bigger, more complete, more alive, and more dynamic that may go beyond the general understanding of humans. A literary work is not only a closed reflection of individual phenomena but rather a process that can be felt. Literary works greatly affect various fields of life, by studying and understanding literature we can also understand every perspective of life and the values of life that exist. One form of literary work is a novel, a novel is a literary work in the prose genre written narratively. The novel presents a story with a plot and perspective of a person or author and also presents a problem that we can encounter in people's lives. Novels also have problem solving and solutions to close the storyline or commonly referred to as an ending. Not infrequently also some novels do not have an ending so that the reader can only guess or imagine for themselves. Because we often encounter problems in novels in everyday life, novels must have social values that can be implemented directly in people's lives.

A literary work must have a message in it, either explicitly or implicitly. The author certainly hopes that his writing can inspire everyone who reads it. As in a novel, it must have values related to people's lives. There are many values that we can find in novel literature, one of which is moral values. Moral value is a way of behaving or behaving someone towards others, such as a child's attitude towards parents, parents to younger ones, as well as in relationships between friends. Moral values in a literary work have the intention of providing practical lessons for readers and are instructions given intentionally by the author of a literary work on various matters that are still related to manners and behavior in society (Rivkin & Ryan, 2017). In Indonesia itself, moral values are highly respected, Indonesian people are known as friendly, virtuous, and ethical people. Along with the development of the era, the term has disappeared because the Indonesian people currently no longer uphold moral values in social life. It can be seen that the young generation of Indonesia today needs moral education from an early age so that they know how to behave towards others. Starting from the loss of moral values, this is also influenced by the development of technology, children can see anything on the internet and imitate it without first screening whether their behavior is by the values that exist in Indonesian society. Sometimes something on the internet is not all true and not all can be imitated. Parents also have a big influence on the morals of their children so the responsibility of parents in educating their children is also very large (Castro, et al, 2015).

In the novel entitled "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" there are also moral values that we can implement in life. The novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" tells the story of a child who was born to an imperfect deaf person who had to struggle to get an education like children in general. The character is named Angel, Angel is a child who does not have a mother because his mother died at the same time Angel was born into the world. Thus, making Angel's father a single parent does not make Angel's father blame Angel for causing his wife to die, but sincerely cares for and teaches Angel various things. Angel, who initially received education through the Special School (SLB) and was advised by the teacher to go to public schools only because Angel is very smart and can quickly understand all the material being taught. Angel and her father's struggle to find a public school that accepts Angel who is deaf is very difficult because not all schools accept people with disabilities, so Angel has been rejected several times. This did not make Angel give up just like that, Angel and his father were increasingly looking for public schools that would accept Angel so that Angel could get a proper education. Insults, insults, and curses have been received by Angel when he tried to find a place to study so Angel suffered at that time, but this did not dampen Angel's enthusiasm to be able to get an education in a proper place.

Based on the description above, it can be seen that there are many moral values in the novel entitled "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" that can be implemented in people's lives. Like Angel's struggle to get an education, Angel's nature is not easily discouraged, persists despite being insulted by others, remains patient even though he is often rejected when looking for a public school to study, and many more. All of that can be implemented in their respective lives as a form that many Indonesian people still have moral values. Therefore, the writer is interested in further researching matters related to moral values because there are many more values in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" which will be described in this paper (Sya'diyah, 2019). The author hopes that this paper can help to bring out moral values in anyone who reads it. The author also hopes that after the reader finishes reading this paper and can implement it in his

life, the reader will be able to consistently maintain these moral values within himself, so that Indonesia will no longer be a nation with minimal morals. With this paper, it is also hoped that all readers can uphold moral values in people's lives and set an example for others because morality is something that must be owned by every individual not only in Indonesia but throughout the world.

METHOD

Based on the background above, the researcher concludes to use a qualitative method in a paper entitled "Moral Value of Novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" by Agnes Davonar". Qualitative research methods are research that does not obtain statistical procedures. Qualitative methods are required to be able to understand the meaning of an event of human behavior in certain circumstances (Merriam & Tisdell, 2015). This qualitative method aims to understand the object in-depth, and want to develop ideas on research problems. This qualitative research is very influential on the words and sentences used, so the researcher must be able to give an impression or message that can be influential through the sentences in this paper (Ranney, et al, 2015).

The technique used in this data collection is to look further at the values in the film "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?". The perspective used is the researcher's perspective. All interpretations of these meanings will be associated with events, phenomena, or time because this qualitative method it will show the interaction between the film scene and events that are currently happening (Jensen, 2020).

1. Object of research

The object of research in this paper is the moral aspect contained in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?". This work was created by Agnes Davonar and stars Dinda Hauw, Immanuel C. Hito, and Lucky Perdana.

2. Data and Data Sources

The data of this research are in the form of words, sentences, and expressions related to morals or good life behavior in angel figures. There are two sources that we choose in this study, namely primary sources and secondary sources. The primary source is obtained from the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" which has 320 pages. Then the secondary data source is articles from the internet.

3. Data collection technique

This data collection technique is in the form of library and note-taking techniques. Observing the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" then conclude by noting the important parts.

4. Data Validity Technique

This study uses a triangulation validation technique. The triangulation technique used is theoretical triangulation. Theoretical triangulation is carried out to test the truth of the data using more than one data in reviewing the problems studied. So that it can be analyzed or concluded as a whole.

5. Data analysis technique

The technique of analyzing this novel is the semiotic reading method, namely hermeneutic reading and heuristic reading.

FINDINGS

The novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" is a literary novel created by Agnes Davonar. This novel was published in July 2011 and was successfully made into a film in the same year on November 17, 2011. After the success of the previous novel, "Surat Kecil Untuk Tuhan", by telling the true story of the struggle of a girl suffering from cancer, Agnes Davonar is back published the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" with almost the same theme. Novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" Agnes Davonar's work is also successful because the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" was published and released into a film in the same year. The theme of the journey of someone we can meet in the surrounding environment makes the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" this can attract many fans so that this novel becomes a success in the

market. The main character in this novel is named Angel who is a character who has a disability, namely the deaf. This novel tells the life journey of the main character, Angel, to find a public school that will accept him with his shortcomings. Her struggle has many obstacles from various rejections from the school to the insults and insults that Angel often gets from the people around him. However, this did not dampen Angel's enthusiasm for getting a better education, so Angel and his father kept trying to find a public school that would accept Angel so that Angel could get an education. Unbeknownst to many, Angel has an amazing talent, Angel is very talented at playing the piano even though Angel can't hear the notes.

There are many values contained in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" which can be implemented in everyday life. So, the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" is suitable for people who need the motivation to be able to grow moral values in themselves so that they can become better individuals in the future. As in the novel, there is a scene where Angel's mother has only two choices, namely Angel's mother who has to give up her life to save Angel, or Angel's mother who has to give up Angel's life to save her own life. Of course, Angel's mother chose to give up her life for the sake of her daughter who has been cared for and cared for with all her heart. Angel's mother chose this option without first listening to Angel's father's advice at that time. Angel's mother also ignored all the advice given by the doctor because there was a fetus that threatened her life, Angel's mother confidently gave up her life for the sake of her daughter meeting the world. This scene is from Angel's story that Angel is a child with a single parent because his mother died while giving birth to Angel. The quote shows Angel's mother who voluntarily gave up her life to give birth and save her daughter so she can meet the world, as well as Angel's sincerity in accepting that her mother died during childbirth can be a moral aspect that can inspire many people because not all children can be willing when their mother dies. and end up blaming yourself. Angel's father also has a side of patience and sincerity in the quote because losing a wife is not an easy thing. All these aspects are included in the aspect of sincere moral values in giving up something valuable for the sake of other valuable things which is a commendable act.

In the next scene, there is a moral aspect in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" the angel continued to understand the sound that was heard, but the angel could not hear it clearly. Angel told his father that he was sad because he couldn't hear. Then his father asked Angel why he wanted to know what it was like to hear. Angel replied that he wanted to hear the sound of birds, the sound of music, the sound of bells, and so on. Then his father gave an understanding that the sound gave a feeling by giving the example of Angel's father hitting a twig on a car tire and then asking Angel to do the same. Angel's father asked how Angel felt when Angel hit a twig on a car tire and Angel's father answered again by saying he felt a vibration when he hit the twig. And Angel's father explained that the vibrations included sound, also explained that maybe Angel would not be able to hear the sound of the twigs but the vibrations produced were real sounds. In this scene, this girl named Angel has limited hearing. Sometimes Angel is desperate with circumstances like this which makes Angel not confident and disliked by his friends. Then Angel forced his father to be able to hear. Finally, my father gave understanding with his patience to Angel, and the voice gave a feeling. Angel's father was very patient with the humiliation and torture that Agnes did. With the scene above, we can learn to have patience which we can apply in everyday life.

In the following scene, there are also aspects of moral values in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" that all living things must be willing to work hard to fulfill the desired goal. There is a scene where Angel looks at his whole face through the mirror and there are wounds caused by Agnes and her friends scratches because they don't like Angel. Angel was very sad when he saw the condition of his hand which was severe enough that Angel could not play the piano. Angel can't even play the piano because the wound on his hand hurts when he moves it, so if Angel wants to play the piano, Angel has to wait until the wound on his hand heals first. But Angel felt that he would disappoint his father if he saw him give up playing the piano, so Angel insisted on practicing the piano even if it was only with his two thumbs. The quote shows that it was Angel who suffered from being bullied by Agnes, causing her fingers to hurt. This causes Angel to not be able to play what Angel likes, which is playing the piano. It takes time to heal his wounds so that Angel can play the piano as usual. However, this did not stop Angel from doing what he likes and developing his talents so that he can make his father proud. Angel relentlessly continued to

practice playing the piano with two thumbs because those thumbs were the only fingers that were not injured. With a feeling of fear of disappointing his father Angel continued to practice playing the piano. The nature of the hard work shown by Angel can pay off if someone can do it seriously and without any sense of despair because hopelessness will not help someone to fulfill a goal he wants to achieve.

In the next scene, there is a moral aspect contained in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" namely responsibility. Where at that time my father was very excited to support Angel in playing the piano on stage, he thought that it was the happiest day for him. But for Angel it is a heavy burden to bear, Angel is afraid that later he will fail to play the piano on stage, and Angel may disappoint his father. Angel is also very afraid that later his father will be disappointed and end up causing his illness to get worse. In this scene, Angel is very proud of her father who always has a sense of unrelenting enthusiasm and also always supports all of Angel's activities at school. Angel's father hopes that Angel can show a good appearance. Angel is also a good child who wants to show a good appearance so that he can make his father happy. If that's the case, then Angel has a burden to be able to present a good one. With the scene above that, we can take a lesson that we must be responsible for an action, we can apply it in everyday life as we do something serious and are ready to bear the risk of the act. In that scene, Angel must have felt pressure within himself to show his best and try not to disappoint his father with his appearance on stage, so Angel has responsibility for what he does and must give his best so as not to disappoint anyone.

Next up in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?", there is also a moral aspect, namely trust in God. At that time, Angel hesitated to play the piano on stage. Angel felt insecure because he had limited hearing, but with the angel's seriousness to be able to play the piano in front of the stage Angel said a prayer to God, and asked God for help so that Angel would be given a miracle when Angel played the piano on stage. Angel also considers God to be his strength so he entrusts everything to God. In the scene above, it is explained that Angel asked for help from God Almighty. This Angel is a deaf girl who cannot hear, and she is not confident when playing the piano in front of the stage. He felt that he couldn't perform well because he couldn't hear the rhythm of the piano. Angel continued to ask God for help. From this scene, we can learn that in life we must surrender to God Almighty because the only helper is God. Making God the only place to surrender to everything we do later and hope for the best for ourselves as Angel did in that scene.

In the following scene, there are aspects of moral values in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" that one should regret every mistake one has made so as not to repeat in the future. Where the doctor invited Angel to sit and the doctor informed him that his father had a heart attack. Angel did not know clearly what the disease was because it was still too small, the doctor finally explained it to Angel. After understanding her father's illness, Angel regrets the actions that made her father ashamed in the theft case. In the scene, it is shown that Angel has caused her father to have a mild heart attack because Angel is having problems with the theft case. Angel deeply regrets his actions because she thinks Angel caused her father to have a mild heart attack so his father was hospitalized. Angel's regrets did not produce anything because her father was still surprised by what Angel had done. One's regrets can sometimes be redeemed by doing something but not always like that. There will be times that regret will only become a regret that cannot be redeemed. So, it is natural for everyone to make mistakes but before taking actions that are likely to result in mistakes and regrets, you should think again before doing something because it can also have an impact on the people around you.

CONCLUSION

The novel entitled "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" is a novel written by Agnes Davonar that tells the story of a deaf child named Angel who has to struggle to be accepted in his environment with his shortcomings. Angel is an orphan because his mother died while giving birth to him making his father a single parent. Despite being a single parent, Angel's father still patiently and sincerely takes care of Angel, who is the only one of his late wife. Not only that, the struggle of Angel and his father must also be continued by finding Angel in a public school on the recommendation of his teacher when Angel studied at a special school because Angel is an intelligent student who can master all materials quickly. The struggle

to find a public school is not easy because Angel and his father are often rejected because of their lack of Angel. In the end, there was one school that accepted Angel and Angel could get a better education. As if the struggle is not over, Angel must feel bullied at his school because of his shortcomings, these shortcomings make Angel difficult to be accepted by the school's students.

From this description, there are many aspects of moral values in the novel "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" such as the sincere nature of Angel's mother who willingly saved her daughter with her own life, the patient nature of her father toward Angel, the nature of hard work in the desired goal, the nature of responsibility for an action, the nature of surrender to God and regrets mistakes. All of these moral values are things that can be found in real life, not only in novels. Therefore, the entire contents of the novel entitled "Ayah Mengapa Aku Berbeda?" have a positive impact on the readers because there are moral values that can be implemented in people's lives. Because in life, one of the things that determine the quality of each individual is the moral value he has. With that, the individual shows the quality of himself with the morality he has so that he becomes an example for the whole community. Moral values should be owned by every human being as a social being because the existence of moral values in each individual proves that there is a moral responsibility to live and help each other with kindness towards fellow human beings.

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