

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

Literary work as work of art are creative, meaning that the results of human creation are in the form of aesthetic language works, there are several literary work including novels, poetry, short stories, dramas and others. Literary works are imaginative and fictitious. In a literary work, the material is taken from the real world, but the author has processed it through his imagination (Redyanto, 2010:11).

A literary work is born from the background of human life, literary works in the context of their presentation are compiled through human experience and knowledge. Literary work are art, the beauty contained in the literary work is the result of the author's imagination that is interesting so that it can steal the attention of others to read, hear, see and enjoy it. According to Jones, 1968:1, literature describes what human being has experienced in their lives. As in another kind of art, there are expressions and the mediums that are used by people to express their feeling.

Actually, the essence of the structuralism movement is the equal opportunity between women and men in self-development. As we know, a mother's heart will be broken when she sees the future of their children being abused by other people. As happened in the Novel Perfect Match by Jodi Picoult. He describes the courage of a woman who struggles to get justice for her child. She is willing to do anything to restore normalcy to her child, who is still at an early age, but has experienced acts of sexual violence.

In this novel, the researcher focuses on Nina's struggle in uncovering the sexual harassment case experienced by Nathaniel. This is a portrait of a crime of sexual violence that often occurs in the lives of children, commonly known as pedophilia. Sexual harassment can have a negative impact on children, including causing psychological disorders, loss of passion for life, and even death. So that if cases like this are not handled by the authorities, children who experience violence cannot be cured in a short time. For this reason, it must meet the rights and obligations and protect children who experience sexual violence. In this study, researchers used

According to Yoseph (1997:38) explains that the theory of literary structuralism is a theoretical approach to literary texts which emphasizes the overall relationship between various elements of the text.

The problems of men and women in life become interesting objects in literary works. Men and women are not only talking about gender but are different between gender and gender which are formed from the community's view of the nature or position of men and women in society. Gender is not merely talking about the differences in physical characteristics between men and women, but more broadly it refers to the roles and responsibilities of men and women in society according to their potential and abilities (Pattni et al., 2017).

Perfect Match is the ninth novel by Jodi Picoult. The novel tells the story of a woman who struggles to find justice for her son Nathaniel. After reading, the researcher is interested in analyzing with the title "The Struggle of Nina". Because

this novel explores the themes of family conflict, turmoil, individual guilt, personal, professional, and revenge conflicts. Although especially, the novel focuses on the sexual abuse and murder of children.

In this study, researcher analyzed using a structuralism theory. The researcher chose this approach because the one trying to find a solution or justice for Nathaniel is his mother in the novel Perfect Match.

## **1.2 Statements of the Problems**

Based on the background, the researcher points out two problems:

- 1.2.1 What are the kinds of Nina in the novel “ Perfect Match”  
by Jodi Picoult ?
- 1.2.2 What are the impact of Nina’s struggles in the novel “ Perfect Match”  
by Jodi Picoult ?

## **1.3 Scope of the Study**

The scope of this research, researchers discuss issues that focus on justice for the son who experienced acts of sexual violence fought for by his mother. In the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult and how the impact of Nina's struggle.

## **1.4 Objective of the Study**

- 1.4.1 To analysis the kinds of the struggle by Nina in the novel “ Pefect Match”  
by Jodi Picoult.
- 1.4.2 To describe the impact of Nina’s struggle in the novel “Perfect Match”  
by Jodi Picoult.

## **1.5 Significant of the Study**

With this the researcher hopes to have a good and practical meaning in a literary work which is explained below, among others as follows:

### **1.5.1 Theoretical Significance**

In this study, the researcher hopes to be able to contribute to readers, especially in analyzing literary works related to the struggle of a mother who seeks justice for her child who has experienced acts of sexual violence, in the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult using a feminist approach. With this, the researcher hopes to provide a reference for readers in terms of analyzing literary works in each novel, one of which is Perfect Match.

### **1.5.2 Practical Significance**

This analysis, the researcher hopes, can provide motivation and help students to understand the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult, especially in analyzing the struggle of Nina to get justice for her son. In addition, researchers want readers to be more enthusiastic about reading literary works in the form of novels.

## **1.6 Review of Related Literature**

To complete the research and reference data, the researcher found the same titles but different objects. Researchers found two of them which have been described below:

The first research was from Harlia A. Sangaji from the English literature program, Faculty of Literature and Culture, Khairun University Ternate 2011, the

researcher analyzed the struggle of a woman against her husband's egoism in the play in the novel "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen, in her research Harlia A Sangaji focuses on how to know the difference between the position of women and men in the 19th century and tries to find reasons for women's struggles against male selfishness, especially the struggle of a wife in facing the selfishness of her own husband. So that in this way, the values of humanism about women can be understood together. In this study, researchers used qualitative and descriptive methods and used the feminist approach experienced in the novel "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen. The difference between Harlia's research and this research was that Harlia's focused on the differences between women and men in the 19th century, especially the struggle of a wife in facing the selfishness of her own husband. Meanwhile, the researcher analyzes Nina's struggle in uncovering justice for her son in the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult viewed from Feminism Approach.

The second is from Yusuf Muhammad Wizari (2016), Catherine's struggle to free from oppression in the novel "A Farewell to Arms" By Ernest Hemingway. In this study, researcher analyzed the suppression of the main character suffering and struggling to gain freedom. Researcher analyzed from a feminism standpoint. The struggle of the main character was named Catherine's Barkley, who was described as a modern woman at the time and refused to marry after being asked to marry several times.

Defended his pregnancy by a certain job as a nurse in the hospital. In accordance with the issue of researcher used feminism theories and as a theory to

analyze the novel, in the analysis researcher tried to explore the idea of feminism that focuses on bullying. And the difference researcher with this research is analyzing about the main character struggle to fight against oppression without showing to the public. Whereas the difference with researcher analyzed is about women's struggles too. But focused to uncover the justice for the son who was sexually abused in the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult viewed from Feminism Approach.

And last the researcher also found in Yunanti Serli (2014), she focused in the main character of Victoria Struggle for Equality as Reflected in Young Victoria the movie. This research reveals the women movement in the early nineteenth century in England which is done by a woman named Victoria, a Queen of England and the longest reigning British sovereign to date. Victoria has successes to break the patriarchy system.

In a patriarchal system is a system in which men rule over women from various aspects. So in this case Victoria will prove that women are not always weak, but women can also be free and strong. As did Victoria when playing archery, chess and horses. The researcher analyzes the struggle of a Nina in fighting for justice regarding acts of violence against her son in the novel Perfect Match using a feminist approach.

### **1.7 Theoretical Bases**

In analyzing the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult, the researcher explains the meaning of feminism and theory of structuralism. In this study, researchers used a structuralism approach because the structuralism approach is an

appropriate research method to analyze the struggles of a mother fight for justice for her child.

### **1.7.1 Structuralism Theory**

Structural approach is an intrinsic approach, namely discussing the work on elements that build literary works from within. The approach examines literary work as an autonomous work and regardless of the social, historical, biography of the author and everything outside the literary work. Regarding the structure, Leavis and Warren (1992: 56) gave a limit that the structure of understanding was put into the contents and forms, as far as the two were intended to achieve aesthetic goals. The structure of literary works (fiction) consists of elements of flow elements, arises, themes, background as the most supportive and most dominant element in building literary works (fiction).

In addition to a gender perspective review, previously this novel will also be studied based on its structure using Robert Stanton's structural theory to determine the building elements in the novel. Structural analysis of literary works can be done by identifying, reviewing, defining the functions and relationships between structures or intrinsic elements concerned (Stanton, 2007). The structural approach can be seen as one of the literary approaches that emphasize the study of the relationship between the building blocks of the work concerned

### **1.7.2 Concept of the struggle of Woman**

Women today are still struggling in life to get equality. This happens because there is discrimination against women to get the same rights as men in society and in their families. According to Tong (1998: 264) says that "another

figure" of women is defined as a negative person, a woman is a person who lacks strength. The weakness of women is considered as destiny that cannot be changed. Their inability to perceive reality is related to a lack of logic and ignorance. Women who are considered to be in a lower position than men or do not get unequal justice. Therefore, they struggle to fight these problems in order to get justice. Struggle in other words is also called women's emancipation.

According to Kartono (1992:10) say that women can realize themselves with talent and potential for struggle to show their existence and humanity. The existence of women has a relationship with reality, so they can free themselves from the situation they are currently experiencing and change further for the situation in the future, if a woman has a dream, she will do whatever it takes to make her dream come true. He will never give up easily fighting for his desires even though he faces many problems or obstacles but he still struggles to reach his goals. Currently, women show that women's contributions are in various fields, including economic, social, cultural, and others. For example, in the current economic field, women contribute a lot to support the family economy support the family economy.

From the explanation above, the researcher can conclude that women are often seen as weak and have no right to power, besides that they also fight for freedom and get justice from oppression by humans. As contained in the novel *Perfect Match*, a mother struggles to find evidence of the truth about the sexual abuse of her child



## **1.8 The Impact of Women's Struggle**

The impact of women's struggles is that they always feel depressed and psychologically disturbed from the violence and actions they experience from men, resulting in mental and physical disorders.

### **1.8.1. Misunderstanding**

Misunderstanding is a condition of understanding something that is inaccurate or wrong about the actual reality. Setian Budi (2009) expressed that misunderstanding is information that someone receives as having a meaning or essence that is different from that intended by the giver or transmitter of the information.

According to Sjafrri Mangkuprwira (2010) Misunderstanding is a deviation in interpretation between what is meant the sender and the recipient of the message.

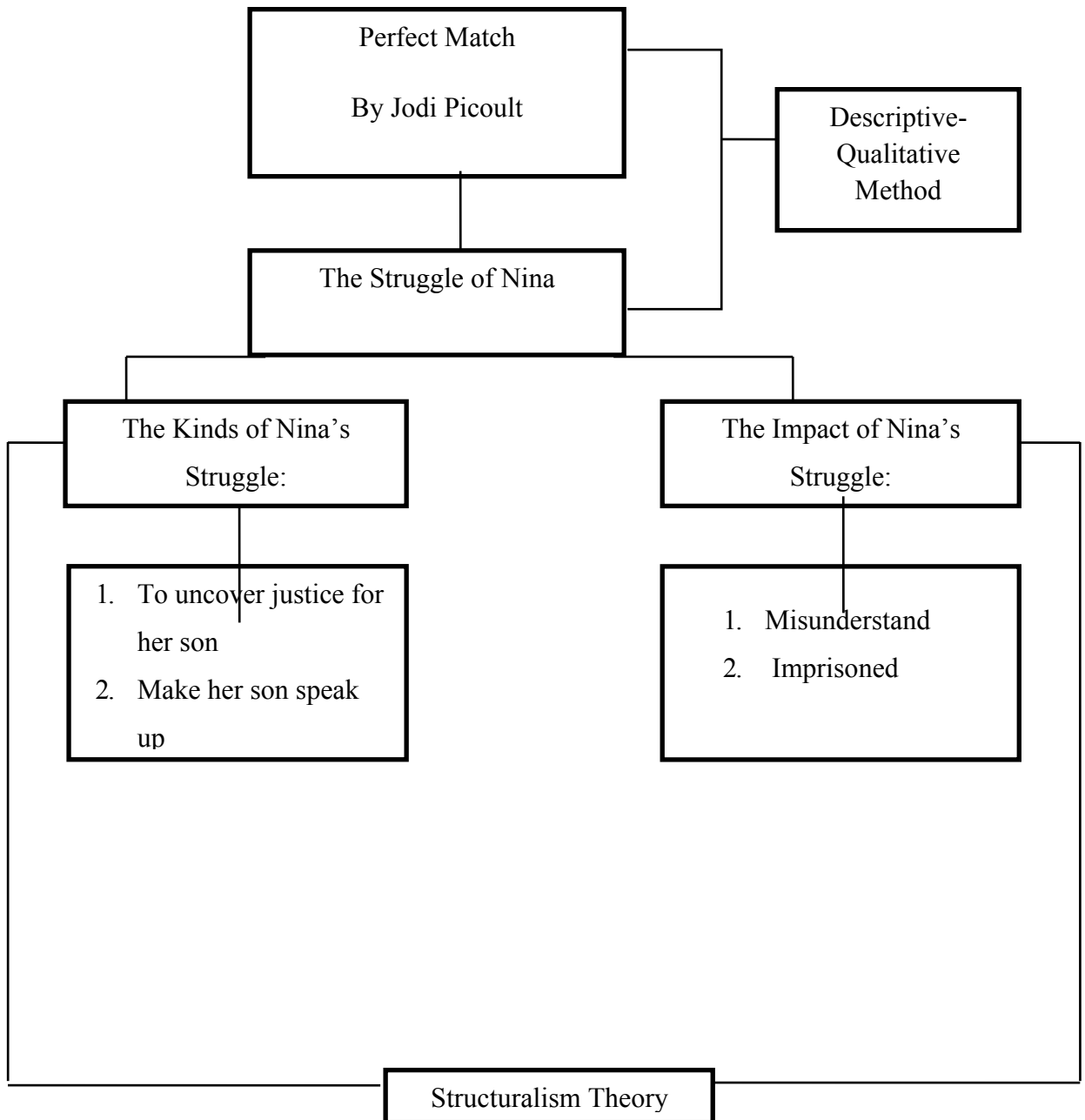
Referring to the opinion above, it can be concluded that Misunderstanding is a condition where between the sender and the speaker recipient of information in interpreting the information received has a different meaning than what the sender intended information. Misunderstandings can lead to assumptions is wrong, therefore it is necessary to prevent its spread by means provide clear information so that the recipient of the information is able understand and understand the information that has been obtained so that this does not happen misunderstanding.

## **1.8.2 Imprisoned**

Imprisonment is one of the criminal sanctions most often used to resolve crime problems. the use of prison law to punish offenders. According to P.A.F. Lamintang, prison sentence is a prison sentence in the form of releasing a convict's freedom of movement, which is carried out by prosecuting that person in a correctional institution, by requiring that person to obey all the rules and regulations that apply in the correctional institution which is related to a disciplinary action for those who have violated these regulations.

As described in the novel "Perfect Match" tells how the author explains that a woman's struggle proves the truth of the crime against her baby. One of them is Nathaniel who experienced violence. In her struggle, Nina had many problems. She once accused her husband of being a suspect in violence against her child. Apart from that, there was also a priest who became a suspect in violence, so Nina shot him dead and he was taken to the police station. However, he did not give up on seeking truth and justice for his son who had experienced acts of violence.

### 1.8 Conceptual Scheme



Based on the conceptual scheme above, the researcher analyzes the struggle of a woman in the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult in which the researcher finds two problems, the first is the types of struggle while the second is the impact of the struggle so that it is then analyzed using a feminist approach.

## **1.10 Method and Technique of Research**

Qualitative method and Descriptive method research, is used to describe characteristics of a population or phenomenon being studied. It not answer questions about how, when, why the characteristics occurred.

### **1.10.1 Qualitative Method**

According to (Creswell 2002; Paus and Mays 1995; Denzini and Lincoln 1994), qualitative research is intended to deeply explore, understand and interpret social phenomena within its natural setting. By using a qualitative research methodology, researchers want to collect richer information and get more detailed picture of issues, cases or events. ( Arora and Stoner 2009). They want to explore the why and how of situation, not only what, where, when.

### **1.10.2 Descriptive Method**

According to Sugiyono (2018:4) descriptive quantitative is a method that is used to use data from certain natural (not artificial) places, but researchers carry out treatments in collecting data, for example by listening to questionnaires, tests, structured interviews and so on.

## **1.11 Techniques of Collecting Data**

### **1.11.1 Library Research**

In this research, the researcher use library researcher to understanding the works of previous researcher to make several reference books such as journal, dictionary or literary works related to the analysis.

### **1.11.2 Internet Research**

Researchers use the internet to get references in the form of journals, theses, PDFs related to analysis.

### **1.11.3 Reading Comprehension**

The researcher read the novel "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult and took from several books and references to collect data with the aim of completing the topics in this study.

## **1.12 Technique of Analyzing Data**

Researcher analyzed using three techniques including:

### **1.12.1 Classification**

The research used by classification in analyzing data. The researcher classifies the data based on the title and problem statement about the struggle of a woman or Nina who fights for justice for her son who has experienced sexual violence in the novel "Perfect Match" using a Feminism approach.

### **1.12.2 Interpretation**

The researcher points out the meaning of Nina's struggle with a kind of interpretation.

### **1.12.3 Explanation**

To provide an explanation for the selected analysis, researchers classify the data. Researchers use methods and approaches, starting with a step-by-step analysis of descriptive methods. After that, using data collection methods including browsing the internet and library search.