Thesis Title: SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE LEFT-HANDED CHARACTER IN NANCY SPRINGER'S NOVEL ENOLA HOLMES

Abstract

Social problems refer to issues or challenges that affect society and its members, hindering their overall well-being and quality of life. These problems arise due to various factors, including economic, political, cultural, and structural issues. Descriptive method will be used in analyzing the data. The purposes of descriptive method is as a comprehensive summarization in everyday term of specific events experienced by individuals and group. The researcher uses qualitative research. Qualitative research is a research which is done with a limitation of target research where the data is not in the form of numbers. It is found that there are various social problems delving into various domains such as Racism and Discrimination, Men"s Rules Everything, Underestimated or Underrated, that affects her existences as a human and women which give the negative impacts, namely: Frustration of racial injustice, have a multiple personality, and have no positive freedom (especially for her alienation of the psyche from her family). Research on the social problems of left-handed character is significant for advancing equality, raising awareness, informing policies, and enhancing the well-being and quality of life for left-handed people's. By addressing the unique challenges they face, society can strive to create an inclusive environment that values and supports the diverse needs of all individuals, regardless of their handedness.

Keywords: Social Problems, Left-Handed, Racism

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Alhamdulillahi rabbil 'alamin, all praises and gratitude are offered to ALLAH SWT, the Almighty, the Most Beneficial, the Bestower, the Knowing, the Responsive, the Source All Goodness, the Profitious, the Light and the Guide, the Supreme Inheritor, the Guide to the Right Path, the All-loving and the Most Merciful, without His blessing, love, and guard, I would never have finished this script. All the power and help are only by the permission of Allah Azza Wa Jalla, so I could finish writing this thesis as one of the requirements to get the degree of Magister Sastra at the faculty of literature, Universitas Islam Sumatera Utara, Medan. Shalawat and salam are also delivered to the Prophet, Muhammad SAW, who has brought the complete teaching and the chain of unity in the Islamic teaching, which alarm every the soul of the human being in this world, and whose syafa'at is really hoped in the day hereafter.

Having accomplished my study, I feel indebted to many people for their support, guidance, and assistance without whom this script would never have been finished. So, on this occasion, I would like to express my greatest gratitude and appreciation to Dr. H. Purwanto Siwi, S.S., M.A as the dean of the faculty. And my thank to Dr. M. Manugeren, M.A as the head of the department for his fatherly and friendly advice for the approval of this thesis. My special gratitude and exclusively is only convey to Dr. Muhammad Ali Pawiro, S.S., M.A as the first supervisor, and Dr. Ely Ezir, M.S as the second supervisor for their patience, guidance, advice, and support during the writing process of this thesis.

Many thanks are due to all his lecturers in Magister Program of English Literature Department at Universitas Islam Sumatera Utara and his previous lecturers in Master Program of Linguistics, Translation, and Interpreting Studies at Pusat Bahasa Universitas Sumatera Utara from whom I have gained my knowledge.

The highly and sincerest thanks are fully addressed to my beloved parents, especially to the late H. Muhammad Ali Ismail bin Ismail (Abah) and Hj. Ratnawati that have morally supported to me. Many thanks are also to my sister and brother in law, Indra Jaya and Surya that have economic supported for me to finish my thesis. Many thanks are to all of my friends and family, my best-friend Mr. Saiful Qadry, S.Pd and my late friends Zulilmi, my nephew Aslan Akbar, S.T who released my stress amongst this year, to Listia Sukma Putri, S.T for helping me at crucial time. Therefore, for all of support and motivation, I thank them very much, may Allah bless them all.

Finally, I realize that this thesis is far from being perfect even though I have tried my best. I will be glad to get some criticism for this script. However, I hope this thesis will give contribution to the learning of literature.

Medan, 27 Juli 2023

The Writer