

ABSTRACT

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This literary study deals with Cammie McGovern's novel entitled *Just My Luck*. It tells about the life and struggles of a fourth-grader boy named Benny Barrows. He meets bad luck and must struggle to overcome it. Through facing those bad luck, his way of thinking changes and he perceives luck in a different way. Benny Barrows must face the accident that happens to his father and he also struggles in solving the problems caused by his bad luck in his life.

The goal of this research is to reveal the meaning of luck as portrayed in Benny Barrows' life. In order to do so, there are two questions, namely (1) How is Benny Barrows' character described in the novel? (2) What is the meaning of luck as portrayed in Benny Barrows' life?

This research is a library study with *Just My Luck* written by Cammie McGovern as the primary data. The secondary data are taken from relevant texts, journals, and information from the internet. Theories used in this research are theory of character, theory of characterization, and theory of motivation. The approach used is psychological approach.

Based on the results of the analysis, there are two findings. First, Benny is a thoughtful, caring, self-sacrificing, and persistent person. Second, the meaning of luck is divided into surface meaning and deeper meaning. The surface meaning of his luck that his father survives in the surgery. The deeper meaning is that he is granted to be able to express his gratitude.

This research is recommended to be used as one of the materials to teach Prose. It is also suggested that further researchers deal with the meaning of Benny Barrows' Struggles in his school life.

Keywords: meaning, luck, *Just My Luck*

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Studi sastra ini membahas tentang novel dari Cammie McGovern yang berjudul *Just My Luck*. Novel ini menceritakan tentang kehidupan dan kesulitan seorang anak kelas empat sekolah dasar bernama Benny Barrows. Dia mendapatkan nasib buruk dan harus berjuang untuk mengatasinya. Dengan menghadapi nasib buruk itu, cara berpikirnya berubah dan dia melihat keberuntungan dengan berbeda. Benny Barrows harus berjuang untuk menghadapi kecelakaan yang menimpa ayahnya dan juga harus menghadapi masalah di dalam hidupnya.

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah menemukan makna keberuntungan yang terlihat dalam kehidupan Benny Barrows. Ada dua pertanyaan yaitu, (1) Bagaimana tokoh Benny Barrows dideskripsikan di dalam novel? (2) Apa makna dari keberuntungan berdasarkan kehidupan Benny Barrows?

Penelitian ini merupakan studi pustaka yang menggunakan novel yang berjudul *Just My Luck* karangan Cammie McGovern sebagai data utama. Data pendukung lainnya diambil dari buku, jurnal dan informasi dari internet yang relevan. Teori yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini antara lain: teori tokoh, teori penokohan, dan teori motivasi. Pendekatan yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah pendekatan psikologis.

Berdasarkan hasil analisis terdapat dua temuan. Pertama, Benny adalah seorang yang penuh perhatian, peduli, rela berkorban, dan tegar. Kedua, makna dari keberuntungan terbagi menjadi dua bagian yaitu: makna tersurat dan makna tersirat. Makna tersuratnya adalah keberuntungan karena ayah Benny berhasil selamat setelah melakukan operasi. Makna tersiratnya adalah dia dapat mengungkapkan rasa terima kasihnya.

Penelitian ini dapat menjadi rekomendasi untuk dijadikan bahan mengajar di kelas prose. Untuk peneliti yang akan datang dapat menganalisa tentang arti perjuangan Benny Barrows di kehidupan sekolahnya.

Kata Kunci: *meaning, luck, Just My Luck*