

ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes the personality development of August Pullman, the main character with special needs in the novel "*Wonder*" by R.J. Palacio who has *mandibulofacial dysostosis* was chosen as the focus of this research because of his inspiring journey of living the inclusiveness society.

This research has two main questions. The first question is (1) How is August Pullman described as the main character in Palacio's "*Wonder*"? The second question is (2) How is August Pullman's personality development described in Palacio's "*Wonder*"?

This research is categorized as a library study. The researcher used a psychological approach in conducting this study. This approach is suitable to identify human thoughts, feelings, and behavior.

Based on the analysis results, there were several conclusions. First, August was portrayed as an insecure, shy, pessimistic, anxious, smart and humorous child at the beginning of the story. Second, there were five factors that influenced August's personality development. These factors were education, family, environmental changes, social pressure, and changes in self-concept. Third, August's personality development was classified as quantitative development because some of his original characteristics were strengthened, namely smart and humorous. August's personality development belonged to qualitative development since some of his characteristics changed from insecure, diffident, pessimistic, and anxious to confident, optimistic, brave, and strong. The researcher also wrote some suggestions and recommendations for future researchers to use this study as one of the references in conducting research in a similar field.

Keywords: personality development, special needs children, *Wonder*

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Penelitian ini menganalisa perkembangan kepribadian August Pullman, tokoh utama berkebutuhan khusus dalam novel Wonder oleh R. J. Palacio yang memiliki kelainan mandibulofacial dysostosis dipilih sebagai fokus dalam penelitian ini karena perjalanannya yang menginspirasi dalam menjalani kehidupan masyarakat inklusif.

Penelitian ini memiliki dua pertanyaan pokok. Pertanyaan pertama yaitu (1) Bagaimana karakter tokoh utama August Pullman digambarkan dalam novel Wonder? Kemudian pertanyaan kedua adalah (2) Bagaimana perkembangan kepribadian August Pullman dideskripsikan dalam novel Wonder?

Penelitian ini termasuk studi pustaka. Peneliti menggunakan pendekatan psikologis dalam melakukan penelitian. Pendekatan ini sesuai karena dapat mengidentifikasi pikiran, perasaan, dan tingkah laku manusia dengan tepat.

Dari hasil analisa, terdapat beberapa kesimpulan. Pertama, August digambarkan sebagai anak yang tidak percaya diri, pemalu, pesimis, dan mudah cemas, pintar, dan lucu pada awal cerita. Kedua, terdapat lima faktor yang mempengaruhi perkembangan kepribadian August. Faktor tersebut adalah faktor pendidikan, faktor keluarga, perubahan lingkungan, tekanan sosial dan perubahan jati diri. Ketiga, perkembangan kepribadian August merupakan perkembangan kuantitatif karena beberapa karakter asalnya semakin diperkuat seperti pintar dan lucu. Perkembangan kepribadian August dikategorikan sebagai perkembangan yang kualitatif karena terdapat beberapa karakter yang berubah, yaitu karakter tidak percaya diri, pemalu, pesimis, mudah cemas menjadi percaya diri, optimis, pemberani, dan kuat. Peneliti juga menuliskan beberapa saran dan merekomendasikan kepada peneliti berikutnya untuk menggunakan penelitian ini sebagai salah satu referensi dalam menyusun penelitian dengan topik serupa.

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