

ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes the main character of a novel *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage*, Tsukuru Tazaki. Until 36 years old, Tsukuru Tazaki is struggling to build emotional intimacy with his close people and self-respect toward himself. Thus, the researcher scrutinizes the conflicts or abandonment faced by Tsukuru Tazaki that eventually reveals his core issues.

Three research questions are formulated in this study. The first analyzes Tsukuru Tazaki's characteristics, the second one scrutinizes Tsukuru Tazaki's external and internal conflicts, and the last reveals how the conflicts can result on Tsukuru Tazaki's core issues.

The researcher conducts this study using library research and psychoanalysis approach. Several theories were also employed to achieve the objectives of the research, there are theory of character by M. J. Murphy, theory of conflict by Laurence Perrine, psychological theory of internal conflict by Kurt Lewin, theory of abandonment by Dan Brennan, and theory of core issues by Sigmund Freud.

The result of this research shows that Tsukuru Tazaki is a dependent, suicidal, insecure, emotionless, and agreeable person. It was argued in the novel that his current characteristics are the result of a traumatic conflict when he was abandoned by his best friends in high school. However, there are two more conflicts in the form of abandonment faced by Tsukuru Tazaki that includes being abandoned by parents, and a college friend namely Haida. Further, it was found that those conflicts are reflected in his characteristics and affects his six emerging core issues.

Keywords: conflict, abandonment, core issues

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Tesis ini menganalisis karakter utama dari novel *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage*, Tsukuru Tazaki. Hingga usia 36 tahun, Tsukuru Tazaki masih berjuang untuk membangun keintiman emosional dengan orang-orang terdekatnya dan harga diri terhadap dirinya sendiri. Dengan demikian, peneliti meneliti *conflict* atau *abandonment* yang dihadapi oleh Tsukuru Tazaki yang akhirnya mengungkap *core issues* dalam dirinya.

Tiga pertanyaan penelitian diformulasikan dalam penelitian ini. Yang pertama menganalisis karakteristik Tsukuru Tazaki, yang kedua meneliti *conflict* eksternal dan internal Tsukuru Tazaki, dan yang terakhir mengungkapkan bagaimana *conflict* dapat mengakibatkan *core issues* yang diderita Tsukuru Tazaki.

Peneliti melakukan penelitian ini dengan menggunakan pendekatan studi pustaka dan psikoanalisis. Beberapa teori juga digunakan untuk mencapai tujuan penelitian, yaitu teori karakter oleh Murtagh John Murphy, teori *conflict* oleh Laurence Perrine, teori psikologis *conflict* internal oleh Kurt Lewin, teori *abandonment* oleh Dan Brennan, dan teori *core issues* oleh Sigmund Freud.

Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa Tsukuru Tazaki adalah orang yang tergantung, cenderung ingin bunuh diri, minder, tanpa emosi, dan mudah setuju. Dikatakan dalam novel bahwa karakteristiknya saat ini adalah hasil dari *conflict* traumatis ketika dia ditinggalkan oleh teman-teman terbaiknya di sekolah menengah. Namun, ada dua *conflict* lagi berupa *abandonment* yang dihadapi Tsukuru Tazaki, yaitu ditelantarkan oleh orang tua, dan seorang teman kuliah yaitu Haida. Selanjutnya, ditemukan bahwa *conflict* tersebut tercermin dalam karakteristiknya dan memengaruhi enam *core issues* yang muncul.

Kata Kunci: conflict, abandonment, core issues