

**ABSTRACT**

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Conflict is an essential component of any literary work, particularly a novel. It affects the readers by creating a strong plot. In other words, conflict propels the story forward. In general, conflict is divided into two types: internal and external. Furthermore, character development is as essential as conflict because it involves developing a character to build the readers' interest as the story begins. It shows how the character grows throughout the story and changes by the end. In this study, the writer analyzes the influence of Lily Bloom's conflicts on her character development from the novel *It Ends with Us* written by Colleen Hoover.

The writer of this study formulated three problems. First, it discusses the characteristics of Lily Bloom. Second, it discusses the internal and external conflicts faced by Lily Bloom. Third, it discusses the influence of Lily Bloom's conflicts on her character development.

To analyze the problem formulation, the writer uses the library research method. The primary source is the novel *It Ends with Us* written by Colleen Hoover, published in 2016. The other sources are printed books, journal articles, undergraduate theses, and websites on the internet related to the theories in this study. The writer uses a new criticism approach and three theories to analyze this study, namely the theory of character and characterization, the theory of character development, and the theory of conflict.

The writer found that there are three characteristics of Lily Bloom. Those characteristics are compassionate, traumatized, and in denial. Lily faced one internal conflict and two external conflicts. The internal conflict occurred between herself and her feeling. Whereas the first external conflict occurred between Lily and her father, Andrew Bloom, the second external conflict occurred between Lily and her partner, Ryle Kincaid. The conflicts that Lily faced led to her character development. She decided to stop being a woman who denied the abusive behavior of Ryle Kincaid. She finally ended the cycle of abuse and left Ryle.

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Konflik adalah bagian penting dalam segala jenis karya sastra, khususnya novel. Ia memengaruhi pembaca dengan menciptakan alur yang kuat. Dengan kata lain, konflik mendorong cerita untuk maju. Secara umum, konflik dibagi menjadi dua jenis: internal dan eksternal. Selain itu, pengembangan karakter juga sama pentingnya dengan konflik karena meliputi pengembangan karakter yang membangun minat pembaca saat cerita dimulai. Ia menunjukkan bagaimana karakter bertumbuh sepanjang cerita dan berubah pada akhirnya. Dalam penelitian ini, penulis menganalisis pengaruh konflik Lily Bloom terhadap perkembangan karakternya dari novel *It Ends with Us* karya Colleen Hoover.

Penulis penelitian ini menurumkan tiga masalah. Pertama, membahas tentang karakteristik Lily Bloom. Kedua, membahas tentang konflik internal dan eksternal yang dihadapi Lily Bloom. Ketiga, membahas tentang pengaruh konflik Lily Bloom terhadap perkembangan karakternya.

Untuk menganalisa rumusan masalah, penulis menggunakan metode penelitian kepustakaan. Sumber primernya adalah novel berjudul *It Ends with Us* karya Colleen Hoover yang diterbitkan pada tahun 2016. Sumber-sumber lainnya adalah buku-buku cetak, artikel jurnal, skripsi, dan situs web di internet yang berkaitan dengan teori-teori dalam penelitian ini. Penulis menggunakan pendekatan kritik baru dan tiga teori untuk menganalisis penelitian ini, yaitu teori karakter dan penokohan, teori pengembangan karakter, dan teori konflik.

Penulis menemukan bahwa ada tiga karakteristik Lily Bloom. Karakteristik tersebut adalah berbelas kasih, trauma, dan dalam penyangkalan. Lily menghadapi satu konflik internal dan dua konflik eksternal. Konflik internal terjadi antara dirinya dan perasaannya. Sedangkan konflik eksternal pertama terjadi antara Lily dan ayahnya, Andrew Bloom, konflik eksternal kedua terjadi antara Lily dan pasangannya, Ryle Kincaid. Konflik yang dihadapi Lily mengarah pada perkembangan karakternya. Dia memutuskan untuk berhenti menjadi wanita rapuh yang menyangkal perilaku kasar Ryle. Dia akhirnya mengakhiri siklus kekerasan dan meninggalkan Ryle.

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