

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. Background of the Study

As human beings, we are always curious about everything, especially about ourselves. What happened in our life, how and why it happened, in order to satisfy all of our questions, we search information through watching, listening and reading. Reading is one of language skills that holds very important role in our life, we get so many advantages of reading books, journals, magazine and newspaper. Reading can let us be more experienced and educated people. We can know everything happening in the world today and event what will happen in the future.

One of reading functions that gives us much pleasure and entertainment is reading literature. People can read it for different purposes such as getting information, passing the time, enjoying the content and getting the meaning. Literature has various definitions. According to Rees (1973 : 9), he states that "Literature is a permanent expression in words of same thoughts on feelings, or ideas about life and the world". Rees (1973 : 13) also adds that :

By studying literature people are in some sense of making themselves better people. Literature allows the readers to enjoy the vision and imagination of the writer. People believe that literature will expand their minds and sense of life. Because this is important to their life, they do not only enjoyment but also understanding and want literature to give them something more pleasing.

