

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Certainly, parents want the best one for their children. That is why they also do their best. They want their children grow to be smart, kind, handsome/beautiful, successful and useful for others in the future. Nevertheless, not all parents understand that every child has different personalities and dreams. Therefore, parents can not use the same method for treating and parenting for all children.

Some of them often force their children to make their dreams come true without considering the ability, feeling, and hope of their children first. This is called hyper-parenting. Hyper-Parenting is a compulsive tendency of parents to enhance their children in every way (Honore, 2006:311). In this method, all the rules of parents have to be obeyed by the children. The children also have to actualize parents's hope. Parents want their children to be good and successful in their way. Sometimes, they also can be over protective to their children, so they always check every activity of their children. Parents must know wherever the children go, whoever their friends, and whatever children's stuff. This is because they want to anticipate bad things which will happen to their children. Therefore, it also can mean that they want their children's life always be perfect.

Usually, the parents who apply hyper-parenting have high anxiety and emotion. They do not want bad things in their past happen to their children anymore. For them, if there is something bad happen to their children or if their children do mistakes, it means that they fail to be a good parent.

This parents's habit are mostly affected by their past experience. Their past experience will haunt them, so that they do the same thing to the children. In addition, frustrated due to failure also can make the parents use the hyper-parenting to their children (Prameswari, 2016:105).

Making mistakes is humane since there is nobody perfect in this world. Nevertheless, not all people in this world recognize it. It is more important to know that making mistake can be a good lesson to reach success. On the other side, for people who only take negative sides of mistake. They regard that making mistake is like creating a sin that can never be redeemed. Furthermore, by that mistake, some people only stuck in the same position. We can see the example of that kind people in novel Stephen King's *Carrie*.

The novel tells that Margaret White, Carrie's Mother, already did a mistake in her youth. She is an orphan. Her father, John Brigham, was killed in a barroom shooting incident in the summer of 1959. After her father was dead, her mother has become involved with a new man, Harold Allison, whom she later married with. Since Margaret began attending fundamentalist prayer meetings, she often said to them that they live in sin. So, they both want Margaret to go out of the house. Afterwards, Margaret married with Ralph White on March 23, 1962. However, in February of 1963, her husband, Ralph White, was dead when a steel girder fell out of a carrying sling on a housing-project job in Portland. Mrs. White continues to live alone in their suburban Chamberlain bungalow. Before married with Ralph White, she ever committed fornicate and then miscarriage. She fell in copulation sin. She felt regret, traumatic, and guilty. She only looked at the negative sides of herself because of that mistake until she almost killed Carrie when she had just born. She did not want that tragedy happen in the future anymore. Therefore, to atone her guilty, she learned to be religious, but she became too fanatic. Day after day she became more and more fanatic until she made her own rule of her religion. She became authoritative to her self and Carrie's life. She treats her daughter strictly.

Consequently, however, Carrie became strange and most people do not want to be close even to be friend. Furthermore, she always becomes the victim of bullying in her school. The above phenomenon is very challenging and interesting to analyze and worth researching. Therefore, the researcher chooses the Stephen King's novel "Carrie". This is also as nowadays hyper parenting often happens in society. Hyper parenting can cause bad personality to children and even destroy

their life. The researcher wants to describe how hyper-parenting happens and wants to analyze the effect of hyper-parenting based on that story. It can also be the lesson for people outside about how to be a good parent.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

In line with the topic of the study, the statement of the problem will be as follow:

1. What are the general descriptions of Carrie and her mother (Margaret White) in Stephen King's *Carrie*?
2. What conflicts are experienced by Carrie and Margaret in Stephen King's *Carrie*?
3. What settings are described in Stephen King's *Carrie*?
4. How does hyper-parenting happen in Stephen King's *Carrie*?
5. What hyper-parenting effects are described in Stephen King's *Carrie*?

1.3 Scope of the Study

The study focuses on the general description of the main character, conflicts experienced of the main character, and setting described in Stephen King's *Carrie*. Beside that, this study also covers how hyper-parenting can happen and what are the effects of it in Stephen King's *Carrie*.

1.4 Objective of the Study

From the statements of the problems above, the objective of the study can be derived as follow:

1. To describe the general description of Carrie and Margaret White.
2. To describe the conflicts experienced of Carrie as the main character.
3. To describe the setting in the novel.
4. To describe how hyper-parenting can happen in the novel.
5. To describe the effect of hyper-parenting in the novel.

1.5 Significance of the Study

1. For the writer

As the additional knowledge for the writer, especially about psychological side in literature. This also becomes additional information about the effect of hyper-parenting.

2. For the reader

As an additional reference for the students who study literature particularly in psychology term. The reader also gets reference about structural elements such as, general description, conflict, setting and psychological side of literature about the effect of hyper-parenting.

3. For the university

To be an additional reference in the library or Self Access Center in Faculty of Humanities, Dian Nuswantoro University.

1.6 Thesis Organization

This thesis is arranged by several chapters to make systematic and easy to be understood. There are five chapters, those are:

Chapter I Covers Introduction, which consist of Background of The Study, Statement of The Problem, Scope of The Study, Objectives of The Study, Significance of The Study and Thesis Organization.

Chapter II Deals with Review of Related Literature, which covers theories of Approaches in Literature.

Chapter III Discusses Research Method, which covers Research Design, Unit of Analysis, Technique of Data Collection, and Technique of Data Analysis.

Chapter IV Presents Data Analysis, which contains the result of analysis done by the researcher in finding and discussion.

Chapter V Provides Conclusion and Suggestion, which contain researcher's opinion about the results.

