

Unconditional Love of Jojo Moyes’s Novel *Me Before You*

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A B S T R A C T

Unconditional love is often discussed in literature, specially novels. According to the explanation. In general, love process will produce unconditional love. As what Fromm (2019:5) confirms that: “Love is a power which produces love; impotence is the inability to produce love.”. Unconditional love can be seen clearly, especially in Louissa Clark in Jojo Moyes’ novel *Me Before You*. To find the meaning of unconditional love in literature, it is necessary to introduce theory in the form of structuralism. This research uses qualitative method. The purpose of this study is to know the types and function of unconditional love in this novel.

KEYWORDS

Unconditional Love, Novel, *Me Before You*, structuralism, qualitative.

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INTRODUCTION

According to Tressider (2019: 33), love is poetic emotion that we know and our most basic needs all at once. That is clear that love is the key to open everything great in human fate, love is supreme and it is a need of human. Unconditional love is divided into 5 types, they are; Brotherly love, motherly love, love between husband and wife (beloved), self-love, Love of God

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To find the meaning of unconditional love in literature, it is necessary to introduce theory in the form of structuralism. Structuralism is a theoretical approach that emphasizes the interdependence of elements within a system. In literary theory, structuralism focuses on analyzing the underlying structures that give meaning to a literary text. Structuralist literary critics believe that a literary work is not a random collection of words, but a structured system of signifiers that create meaning. Structuralism Literary Theory: Definition, History & Major Theorists Structuralism literary theory is a way of analyzing literary texts that focuses on the underlying structures and patterns that shape meaning. Structuralism emerged in the mid-20th century as a reaction against traditional literary criticism, which tended to focus on the author's biography, historical context, or moral message. Structuralist literary theory is based on the idea that meaning is not simply conveyed through the content of a literary text but is also shaped by the structure of the text itself. Structuralists argue that literary works can be analyzed as complex systems of signs and symbols that are governed by rules and conventions.

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH

The objectives of the study are to found the kinds of language style and to describe the form of unconditional love novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Structuralism

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Unconditional Love

When we are talking about love automatically has relation with unconditional love. Thus, power and love is a word mutual related. According to Tressider (1997: 33), love is poetic emotion that we know and our most basic needs all at once. That is clear that love is the key to open everything great in human fate, love is supreme and it is a need of human. In general, love process will produce unconditional love. As what Fromm (1956:25) confirms that: "Love is a power which produces love; impotence is the inability to produce love. From in Johann Maree (2012:9), most important themes about unconditional love is that it can only come from a productive person by whom he means a person who has the capacity, potency and strength to give unreservedly. Love is implicitly implying "like marries like" that may be stated still more specially. The nation of remarrying the sense of like feeling represent the highest valuable standard of living to share, there will not be sense of feeling low or shallow when the meaning of love is placed right in terms of to like one another in terms of love.

Types of Unconditional Love

1. Brotherly Love

Brotherly love is based on the experience that we all are one. Brotherly love incorporates the sense of responsibility, care, respect and knowledge that furthers the life of another human being. The differences in talents, intelligence, and knowledge are negligible in comparison with the identity of the human core common to all men.

2. Motherly Love

Motherly love is unconditional love like that of a mother for her child. Motherly love, it is unconditional affirmation of the child's life and his needs." Milk is the symbol of the first aspect of love, that of care and affirmation. Honey symbolizes the sweetness of life, the love for it and the happiness in being alive. Most mothers are capable of giving "milk," but only a minority of giving "honey" too. So that, motherly love is love between mom's and child, there are two symbolism of motherly love that is milk and honey. A mothers show love to her child with sense care, and responsibility necessary for the preservation of the child's life and growth, and it is clear that the unconditional love between mother to her child very strong. For example, when a woman have child, she is caring, responsibility and concern to her child and this is form of unconditional love mother.

3. Love between husband and wife

The Greek word for this part of love is "Eros". We think in terms of erotic and or sexual behavior do we not? it begins when two people become aware of each other in a manner beyond the brotherly love we have seen above. There is a strong

physical attraction and need for sexual involvement and satisfaction. Most likely, it is begun in the male who is noticing the attractiveness of a particular women. she may or may not be " beautiful" physically as beauty is portrayed in the media today. But it can just as easily be a nothing of inner beauty. If it happens to the women first, it can also be a physical attraction, but more likely is some emotional administration of the man's talents or degree of education which equates to his being a potentially good provider and protector, erotic love is based on a love that inspires the wish for sexual union and the unconditional love only temporary. In either case, the normal result is a mutual attraction between the two, which normally would lead to courtship and physical intimacy.

4. **Self-Love**

Self-love is just concern for himself as an individual not to another person. Love of oneself, says Fromm, is rooted in one's capacity to love, „the affirmation of one's own life, happiness, growth, freedom. “ Love for oneself and love for another are not mutually exclusive. They are, inseparably connected“. While it raises no objection to apply the concept of love to various objects, it is a widespread belief that, while it is virtuous to love others, it is sinful to love oneself it is assumed that to the degree to which I love myself I do not love others, that self-love is the same as selfishness (Fromm, 1956: 60). That is clear that self-love is how someone only care and responsibility to her or himself without care with another person, just for herself.

5. **Love of God**

Love of God also springs from the need to overcome the anxiety of separateness by the experience of union. Our love of God is based on our understanding of the nature and character of God which has changed over time. This will be dealt with in the section on religion. It has been stated above that the basis for our need to love alive in the experience of separateness and the resulting need to overcome the anxiety of separateness by the experience of union. The religious form of love, that which is called the love of God, is psychology speaking, not different. It springs from the need to overcome separateness and to achieve union. In fact, the love of God has as many different qualities and aspects as the love of man have- and to a large extent we find the same differences. The understanding of the concept of God must, therefore, start with an analysis of the character structure of the person who work ships God. So that, love of God unlimited for human beings, love of God based on our firm believe and everyone has conviction different. From their conviction it appear unconditional love to God.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study is using the descriptive qualitative design. Cohen,L (2007:475) writes about content analysis is the process of summarizing and reporting written data in the form of the main content of data and their messages. In this research, we will reading the story in the novel by every sentence to find out the unconditional love expression. The description of this study is to try the types of unconditional love in the novel Me Before You. The researcher is conducted, the data and reading some books that related to unconditional love and find the unconditional love in the novel Me Before You.

Data and Data Source

Data always need in every research. Data as referring to and representing phenomena which exist apart from the data and the setting in which the data were captured or generated (Ritchie and Lewis,2003:202). The object of this research is taken from novel *Me Before you* 329 to 331 so the total stories have 3 pages stories. The data of the research is in the form of words. Then the unit of analysis is new utterances or sentences contained unconditional love. Both of them is used as the main data which to be analysed.

Data Collection

Several techniques are possible to use in collecting data. First, the novel is read several times in order to understand all of the stories of *Me Before You* novel. Then the dialogue from the novel is analyzed and classified into unconditional love theory

Data Analysis Procedure

The several steps in analyzed the data were taken from the dialog text of *Me Before You* novel. First, the novel was read, and the conversations were collected. Second, the data conversation is classified and identified based on the unconditional love theory. Third, the data were analyzed descriptively from the conversation taken. Then the conclusion was made based on the analysis.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Based on the findings of this study, the researcher only find two kinds of unconditional love in the page o 329-331 in this novel. There are Love between husband and wife and self-love.

In the research, the writer presented the data analysis based on five types of unconditional love in *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. According to Erich Fromm (1956 : 47-63) of love divides into five types. To understand the data collection from page 329-331. The researcher have collected unconditional love in novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes , they are :

1. Love between Husband and Wife

"I think we can do all sorts of things. I know this isn't a conventional love I know there are all sorts of reasons I shouldn't even be saying what I am. But I love you. I do. I knew it when I left Patrick. And I think you story even love me a little bit. He didn't speak. His eyes searched my own, and there was this huge weight of sadness within them. I stroked the hair away from his temples, as I if could somehow lift his sorrow, and he tilted his head to meet the palm lips t for of my hand, so that it rested there. He swallowed. 'I have to tell you something.' my 'I know,' I whispered. 'I know everything.' Will's mouth closed on his words. The air seemed to still around us. I know about Switzerland. I know why I was employed on a six- month contract." He lifted his head away from my hand. He looked at me, then upwards at the skies. His shoulders sagged. gazed I know it all, Will. I've known for months. And, Will, please listen to me...' I took his right hand in mine, and I brought it up close to my chest. I know we can do this. I know it's not how you would have chosen it, but I know I can make you happy. And all I can say is that you make me. you make me into someone I couldn't even imagine. You make me happy, even when you're awful. I would rather be with you even the you that you seem to think is diminished - than with anyone else in the world." I felt his fingers tighten a fraction around mine, and it gave me courage. If you think it's too weird with me being employed by you, then I'll leave and I'll work somewhere else. I wanted to tell you - I've applied for a college course. I've done loads of research on the internet,

talking to other quads and careers of quads, and I have learnt so much, so much about how to make this work. So I can do that, and just be with you. You see? I've thought of everything, researched everything. This is how I am now. This is your fault. You changed me. I was half laughing. "You've turned me into my sister. But with better dress sense. He had closed his eyes. I placed both my hands around his, lifted his knuckles to my mouth, and I kissed them. I felt his skin against mine" (Me Before You, novel by Jojo Moyes).

2. Self-Love

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(Me Before You, novel by Jojo Moyes,page 331)

CONCLUSIONS

In novel " Me Before You" the writer found five types of unconditional love which implied in sentences of conversation or dialogue that used by all character in novel. The unconditional love in the novel most exposed are

1. Love between husband and wife (beloved)
2. Self-love

One of the unconditional love in the novel "Me Before You" is built good relation with another person, care, respect, concern, and responsibility and it is a simple of unconditional love.

SUGGESTION

Based on the conclusion above, the writer gives suggestions as the following bellow:

1. The writer suggest the readers to improve their understanding about the context of unconditional love because it has five types of unconditional love. Unconditional love is something necessary which always described in the daily life every human being and use for built good relation with another person.

2. She hopes it can be a reference for them in conducting the same research especially about the types of unconditional love.

3. In spite of, she realizes this writing is not completely perfect and some corrections are still necessary in order to accomplish better analysis.

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