

## SYNOPSIS

*Keeping Faith* by Jodi Picoult is a story about a girl who becomes the victim of a parental divorce. The main figure in Picoult's novel is Faith white, a seven years old girl who grows up in the middle of her family unstable condition. Faith is witnessed in every her parents' conflict. She cannot situate herself in the middle of her parents' condition. Faith's parents' failure relationship develops her to experience her anxiety and depression. Faith feels that her parents' stop thinking about her and let her to live in her unknown new world. Indirectly, the conflict between her parents often reminds Faith that a child always become the victim by the parents conflict. Faith realizes that her parents should be the headed family in guidance the children. However, she finds her parents' in another way in valuating the life that is being a child abuse from unstable parents' relationship.

Faith's parents' unstable relationship force them to choose divorce as the alternative that their marriage does not work. However, she cannot pretend about her grieve feeling when she noticed that her parents is decided to divorce. Faith cannot stop her tears from her eyes. She regrets for everything happened in her life. Faith has learned enough about the pain that she cannot repair in once a time. Faith dramatically finds in the situation that really brings her in long time sadness and grieves.

Sometimes is hard for Faith to understand about her parents' situation. Faith often feel hopeless because she does not know what she has to do to make her parents comes back together to her life. Faith becomes stressful and she downs to explore her condition by hurting her body. Faith bleeds her hand with a knife.

Faith's parents' divorce also forces her to leave her life by acting her abnormal behavior. The divorce parents leave Faith in experiencing her imaginary friend. She finds friend from her dream and Faith assumes that her friend can fulfill her wishes. Faith's imaginary friend becomes the place where she can tell anything she wants. She gives her friend's name as a 'guard'. Faith wishes that her friend can be her truly 'guard' in protecting Faith from something that threaten her. However, Faith calls her 'guard' with the word of 'she', it means that she need her parent specifically her mother to be concerned with her.