

ABSTRACT

This study attempts to discuss the issues raised from the novel *P.S. I Love You* written by Cecelia Ahern. It tells about the main character's traits, Holly Kennedy who is described as a dependant, selfish and has a fragile heart. The writer chooses the character, characterization and plot as the intrinsic elements to obtain a deeper analysis. Since the writer focuses on Holly's traits development, the writer has chosen Karen Horney's basic anxiety to get a profound understanding on the psychological development of Holly's childhood until her teenage life which still causes some impacts to her in her almost thirty years of her life. The issue that will be discussed in this study is the basic hostility that is repressed into a basic anxiety. Holly's basic anxiety started when she was five years old and is mostly cured at the age of twenty three when she marries Gerry. However, the Holly's trait remains the same and becomes more complex and worse after Gerry died. The aim of this study is to underline the development of Holly's new traits from bad into a better form. In conclusion, happiness will come to a person who searches for it not to a person who only asks for it.

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