

ABSTRACT

This study is aiming to discuss about the search for the meaning of life in Mitch Albom's novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. This novel depicts about the main character, Eddie, his journey in searching for the meaning of his life. The issues that will be discussed within this thesis are the problems that Eddie got during his life and the purposes of the presence of the five people in heaven based on Eddie's problems in searching for the meaning of his life. Within this novel there are two problems that Eddie got; those are Eddie's own problem and his problem with his father.

The writer applies the new criticism theory which is useful to analyze the intention of the novel. In addition, since this novel is containing the psychological problems about the influence of father in the development of his children, therefore, the writer applied the psychological approach. This concept is used in order to explain the influence of father's care and love toward the psychological development of his children especially in the relationship of Eddie and his father.

Through the implementation of the theories, the study discovers that this novel is about the journey in searching for the meaning of life, the journey of Eddie from the meaningless through meaningful life. Eddie gets the meaning of his life from his meetings with the five people which reveal the truth of his life.

Key words: Heaven, Meaning of life, Ruby Pier, Depression, Problem in life

**Life has to be given a meaning
because of the obvious fact that it has
no meaning**

Henry Miller

THESIS

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION
