

**ABSTRACT**

*Jude The Obscure* is one of Hardy's novel that concerns the education and love as the background. It is about the struggle of the ordinary man to have his ideal in learning and love which is defeated by the power of the society

*Jude The Obscure*, as well as his other novels, is using the Wessex land as the setting which is the power of the novel to form the story.

The main character of the novel, Jude Fawley is the ordinary man who has ideal in learning because he is influenced by his schoolmaster, Mr Phillotson. His early dream makes him ambitious, work hard and he educates himself by learning Latin and Greek. When he is ready to enter the university, the intellectual people refuse him because of his poverty. As a result, he becomes melancholy, unenthusiastic.

In Christminster he also falls in love with his cousin, Sue and decides to live together with her without being married. The people do not agree with it so that Jude and Sue move to many places wherever they can be accepted. But the society still refuse them. As a result, they lose their children when their oldest son kills himself and his brother. Their death makes Sue leave him and goes back to her previous husband. After she left, again Jude becomes melancholy, unenthusiastic and finally dies in loneliness.

The failure of Jude in reaching his ideal in learning is caused by the intellectual people who do not give the opportunity to the poor qualified ordinary man, as Jude to make progress in his life by having education. The failure of his ideal in love caused by the social convention that fight against their idea about living together. The failure of Jude in reaching his dream is because of injustice and convention of the society. However, both of the failures give him a bad effect.

## ABSTRAKSI

*Jude The Obscure* adalah salah satu novel karya Hardy yang menggunakan pendidikan dan cinta sebagai latar belakang. Novel ini bercerita tentang perjuangan seorang biasa yang mempunyai cita-cita dalam pendidikan dan cinta yang dikalahkan oleh norma masyarakat.

*Jude The Obscure*, seperti novel karya Hardy yang lain menggunakan daerah Wessex sebagai seting, yang juga merupakan kekuatan novel ini untuk membentuk cerita.

Karakter utama novel ini, Jude Fawley adalah orang biasa yang mempunyai cita-cita untuk belajar karena ia dipengaruhi oleh gurunya, Mr. Phillotson. Mimpinya ini membuat dia menjadi ambisius, bekerja keras dan belajar bahasa Latin dan Yunani secara otodidaktif. Ketika ia siap untuk memasuki universitas, kalangan intelektual menolaknya karena kemiskinannya. Sebagai akibatnya ia menjadi bermurung hati dan kehilangan semangat hidup.

Di Christminster ia juga jatuh cinta dengan sepupunya, Sue, dan memutuskan untuk hidup dengannya tanpa ikatan pernikahan. Orang-orang tidak setuju dengan hal ini sehingga Jude dan Sue pindah ke banyak tempat dimanapun mereka dapat diterima, tetapi masyarakat masih menolak mereka. Sebagai akibatnya, mereka kehilangan anak-anak mereka ketika anak tertuanya membunuh saudaranya dan dirinya sendiri. Kematian mereka membuat Sue meninggalkan Jude dan kembali ke suaminya terdahulu. Setelah kepergian Sue, Jude menjadi bermurung hati,

kehilangan semangat hidup dan akhirnya mati dalam kesendirian.

Kegagalan Jude dalam mencapai cita-citanya dalam pendidikan disebabkan oleh kalangan intelektual yang tidak memberikan kesempatan pada orang biasa yang miskin tetapi berkualitas, seperti Jude untuk memperoleh kemajuan dalam hidupnya dengan memperoleh pendidikan. Kegagalan cita-citanya dalam cinta disebabkan oleh konvensi masyarakat. Bagaimanapun, kegagalan itu berdampak buruk baginya.



**SYNOPSIS**

Jude Fawley who is a boy of eleven is very sad because his school master will leaves his village to Christminster to study in the university. Before his schoolmaster left he tells Jude to be kind to animal, read more books and meet him when Jude is in Christminster. However, the city of Christminster makes him to know more about the city. After doing many efforts such as to find it in the highest place of the area which is called Ridge-track, to ask about the city to someone in which he finds out that the city is the city of education, religion and beautiful music; he decides to study in the university of Christminster, next time. To manifest his dream in learning he educates himself by learning Greek and Latin by using dictionary. He also learns ecclesiastical trade to support his dream.

Yet he cannot manifest his dream in learning because he is interested in Arabella for her attractiveness Appearance. He finally marries her because she got pregnant. Their marriage is not so long, they break up because there is no harmony between them.

Now, he is ready to go to Christminster after he finishes his apprenticeship. Before leaving he visit his

aunt's house and to find the photograph of the beautiful girl who is his cousin, Sue.

When he arrives in Christminster, he is very disappointed with the buildings in the city which is still in medieval style and should be extinct. In this city, he meets his cousin, Sue. He tries not to fall in love with her because they are relatives. The top of his disappointment is rejection of the master of university for him to study in the university. He is very angry, melancholy and unenthusiastic. He spends his time in the bar to drink in order to reduce his disappointment. He fails to manifest his early dream because of his poverty.

After he fails, he cannot bear to fall in love with his cousin, Sue. He follows her wherever she goes but she decides to marry his schoolmaster, Mr. Phillotson. It makes him disappointed, he studies in theological school now, when he finds out that Sue is unhappy with her marriage, he asks her to go with him to life together.

For a couple of years they live together, Arabella is back and gives him the boy who is his son with Arabella. Sue is very happy with it, but she refuses to do a marriage ceremony for the failure of her previous marriage. First year they are happy Jude gets a good job and Sue bears him two children. But it is not long. The

society finds out that they are an unmarried couple. The society hate and treat them unfairly. As a result they have to move to many cities whenever they are unrecognized but the places also refuse them. Since he is very tired he decides to go back to Christminster and expect to be accepted.

When they arrive in Christminster, there is a celebration of the founding of the university. It makes Jude insulted and angry. He gives a speech to the people that he cannot study in the university because of his poverty. He spends his time to the bar again, and asks his family to find a lodging for a rest.

After doing many efforts, finally Sue and her children finds the room, but no so long, the owner asks her to leave the room because of her unmarried position. Sue is very sad. her oldest son feels sorry why he and his brother are born if only to make them sad.

Since Jude never come to the room. In the early of the morning Sue leaves her children to look for Jude. her oldest child is very shock. He thinks that their parents have left them. He hangs up his brothers and himself.

When Jude and Sue come back in that room they are very shocked with the tragedy. Sue bears the dead premature baby. She thinks that she has made a big sin to live



together with Jude without being married. She decides to go back to her previous husband as a penance. Now, Jude is beaten with her leaving. He loses his enthusiastic and is willing to marry Arabella again only to do respectful thing. He is trapped in alcohol again. Jude still asks Sue to be back to him but she refuses. Finally he gives up, but still expects she will come back to him. His condition is getting worse day by day. One day he is sick and dies in loneliness in Christminster.

