

ABSTRACT

The Kite Runner is a novel about a young boy named Amir, who has almost everything in his life. However, he is jealous to Hassan, the son of his father's servant. Because his father also loves Hassan even though he is just the son of the servant. Later, Amir finds out that Hassan is his half brother. According to the writer, Amir assumed that he experiences basic anxiety, because he does not have the mother figure in his life and also he feels depressed by his father's demand.

In analyzing those issues, the writer uses Intrinsic Theory supported by Psychology Approach, Basic Anxiety by Karen Horney. The writer focuses on the character development of the main character, thus psychology theory is suitable to supports this analysis. According to Karen Horney, every human being experiences anxiety, called *creature anxiety*. This is normal anxious feeling which turns up since a baby was born. In one hand, guidance from the parents, love and attention will reduce the anxiety of the baby or the child, so it will not develop into abnormal condition, in the other hand, without love, guidance and mother figure in her or his life, the baby or the child may grow up with *basic anxiety*.

This research focuses on Amir's basic anxiety during his childhood and the way Amir attempts to cure his basic anxiety in his adulthood. This study also analyze Amir's redemption as the result of Amir's step to reduce his basic anxiety.

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