

Detail Skripsi

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Judul Skripsi : The Absence of Mother's Love in Chick's character in
Albom's For One More Day

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Abstrak :

The novel *For One More Day* tells about a story of love between a son and his mother. This novel carries an issue about the importance of parents' love in children's character development. The writer finds an interesting problem that occurs in the main character of the novel, Charles 'Chick' Benetto, who experiences a problem that the writer considers as the absence of mother's love. This problem occurs because of his father's dominant influence upon him since he was a child and that causes Chick to feel the absence of his mother's love.

The writer is interested in finding how this problem occurs and affects him, and how he finally realizes his mother's love in his manhood life. In analyzing the issues the writer uses a qualitative method by elaborating acts, events, and conflicts in the novel and applies an intrinsic approach as the main device in analyzing the problem and the theory of psychology as supporting theory.

The result of the study shows that Chick's problem occurs because of his father's strong influence upon Chick. It happens because he wants to fulfill his dream to Chick by pitching Chick since he was a child. He also forces Chick to choose which one of his parents that Chick is loyal to. Because Chick chooses his father, he ignores his mother's love and affection starting from his childhood and adolescence stages. Not until his mother's death does he find the truth of his father's real love. Finally, he realizes how he needs his mother's love, and how he feels his mother's affection. Her presence is most important to him.

The writer also concludes that the love of both parents is very important to their children. Their affection must be balanced. If one of the parents is more dominant it may cause abnormality to the children's character.