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Judul Skripsi : A STUDY OF UNWANTED CHILD PORTRAYED IN ANNE TYLER'S *EARTHLY POSSESSIONS*: A FREUDIAN PSYCHOANALYSIS

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Abstrak : This study analyzes the main character in Anne Tyler's *Earthly Possessions*. This study discusses the influences of being an unwanted child in Charlotte's life and her ego's defense to negotiate her trauma. Hence, the writer arises two questions: First, regarding as being an unwanted child, how does it influence Charlotte's life? Second, how is defense mechanism process experienced by Charlotte in negotiating her trauma? Freudian psychoanalysis will be applied as the main theory, especially the discussion of childhood phase and defense mechanism. This study will be a qualitative research where the data is taken from the novel *Earthly Possessions*, library research, journals, and other sources, both printed and online, which are appropriate in supporting the analysis. This study discovers that being an unwanted child had influenced Charlotte's life in several aspects: personality development, social life, sexual life, religious life. She experienced possession problems and troublesome marriage relationship which is associated with her parents' marriage model. Thus, she also experienced defense mechanism process in her life to negotiate her trauma. She experienced repression which led her into nomadism, dreams, and imagination. Regarding to the lack of family's love, she projected her love toward her parents into other person. She projected Saul and substituted her love to him which is identified as Oedipus complex symptoms.