

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Each author or creator of literary works has a different background and perspective. Most authors or creators of literary works put themselves so deep in their works by putting their personality or experience on their works whatever the genre of the works. *Two Can Keep A Secret* is one of the proofs. Displays fiction and mystery genres that McManus likes and makes her create novels with that genre and have the same atmosphere.

Obsessed with something and leads to anxiety happened a lot in society these days. Many cases of obsession with their love partner because he/she does not want his/her love partner separated from him/her and must always be with him/her. It is caused by the possessive feeling. Many couples who have experienced or even still experience it and still survive in their toxic love partner just because they are still in love and affection. It starts from a curiosity which ends by finding out all of their partner's background and even knowing all of their social media passwords to even keep it without their love partner knowing it. This excessive curiosity makes it into an obsession. The sense of obsession that drives him/her into a different person like before. If he/she love partner does not obey him/her, then he/she does not hesitate to curse his/her self. Not only hurt verbally but also hurt the physical. An obsession that benefits his/her side and harms the other party which results in anxiety. Many people do not need a long time to realize it and then immediately release the bond. Beyond that, many cases are obsessed with their curiosity so they know that their love partner is having an affair and ends up worrying because they are afraid of being left behind. This thing happens a lot in society, especially Jakarta, which is known for its glamorous and luxurious lifestyle so the toxic love partner thinks that he/she has the power to own everything including their love partner's body and mind. And making him/her free to do anything even with his/her love partner.

Two Can Keep A Secret Novel is perfect for teen readers who are 15 years and above. This novel is the second book by the author Karen McManus. Her debut

is a One of Us Novel, depicting a cross between *Pretty Little Liars* and *The Breakfast Club*, a combination suitable for teens.

Echo Ridge is small-town America. Ellery's never been there, but she's heard all about it. Her aunt went missing there at age seventeen. And only five years ago, a homecoming queen put the town on the map when she was killed. Now Ellery has to move there to live with a grandmother she barely knows. The town is picture-perfect, but it's hiding secrets. And before school even begins for Ellery, someone's declared open season on homecoming, promising to make it as dangerous as it was five years ago. Then, almost as if to prove it, another girl goes missing. Ellery knows all about secrets. Her mother has them; her grandmother does too. And the longer she's in Echo Ridge, the clearer it becomes that everyone there is hiding something. The thing is, secrets are dangerous--and most people aren't good at keeping them. This is why in Echo Ridge, it's safest to keep your secrets to yourself.

“Two Can Keep A Secret” Novel is written by Karen M. McManus. Karen M. McManus was born in 1969 near Boston, Massachusetts. She lives in Massachusetts with her son. Karen M. McManus earned her BA in English from the College of the Holy Cross and her MA in journalism from Northeastern University. She is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of “One of Us Is Lying”, its sequel “One of Us Is Next”, and “Two Can Keep A Secret”. Her work has been published in more than 40 languages. “One of Us Is Lying” is her debut novel. She holds a master's degree in Journalism from Northeastern University, which she uses to draft fake news stories for her novels. She wrote a novel influenced by the Hunger Games. It was turned down by agents, as was a second fantasy book, and she realized a contemporary setting suited her style better. Her favorite authors are Suzanne Collins, CS Lewis, Charles Dickens, and Becky Albertalli. When she isn't working or writing in Cambridge or Massachusetts, McManus loves to travel with her son.

In this study will be shown an obsession with curiosity to something that leads to anxiety. Not only occurs in lovers but also can occur in the family surroundings. Just as happened in this novel where the daughter is obsessed with her curiosity about the past of her mother in the town where her mother was born and grew up. Simultaneously the daughter moved to that town and began to satisfy

her lusts over the mysteries she wanted to solve one by one. But her obsession with curiosity led her to the anxiety that haunted her slowly.

The issues that need to be researched in this novel are:

1. Why does the obsession of curiosity of the main character in this novel arise?
2. What are some things that can be caused by the obsession of curiosity of the main character in this novel?
3. Why does this obsession of curiosity in the main character of this novel leads to anxiety?
4. What are some things that can be caused by the anxiety of the main character in this novel?

B. Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the research above, I identified the problem: Ellery's character, who does anything to satisfy her curiosity about the tragedy of the past that led to anxiety when the truth is revealed one by one. For her family what she thinks is perfect from the outside and causes obsession will be curious and cause anxiety that haunts her slowly.

The assumption of the film's theme is Obsession of Curiosity Leads to Anxiety Encounter the Tragedy as Reflected of the Main Character in Karen M McManus's Novel "Two Can Keep A Secret".

C. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above, I limit the problem to the research of the concepts of obsession, curiosity, and anxiety in Ellery's character. Theories and concepts used are through intrinsic approaches – characterization, plot, and setting. Through extrinsic approaches, I use psychology literature -- the concepts of obsession, curiosity, and anxiety.

D. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem above, the problem in this novel can be formulated to prove the effect obsession, curiosity, and anxiety, as reflected of the main character in the novel "Two Can Keep A Secret": the psychology of literature study. To achieve this goal, the researcher did several research stages as follows:

1. What are the characterization and indirect methods (showing) in the novel "Two Can Keep A Secret"?
2. What are the plot and background support the theme in the novel "Two Can Keep A Secret"?
3. What are the psychology of literature that supports the topic "Obsession of Curiosity Leads to Anxiety Encounter the Tragedy as Reflected in the Main Character in Karen M McManus's Novel *Two Can Keep A Secret*"?
4. What are the theme used to answer all the research studied?

E. Objectives of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the purpose of this research is to prove the obsession of curiosity leads to anxiety as reflected of the main character in Karen M McManus's novel "Two Can Keep A Secret": the psychology of literature study. To achieve this goal, the researcher did several research stages as follows:

1. To analyze the characterization and indirect methods (showing) in the novel "Two Can Keep A Secret"
2. To analyze the plot and background can support the theme in the novel "Two Can Keep A Secret"
3. To analyze the psychology of literature that supports the topic "Obsession of Curiosity Leads to Anxiety Encounter the Tragedy as Reflected of the Main Character in Karen M McManus's Novel *Two Can Keep A Secret*"
4. To prove my assumption about this novel is about "Obsession of Curiosity Leads to Anxiety Encounter the Tragedy as Reflected of the Main Character in Karen M McManus's Novel *Two Can Keep A Secret*"

F. Methods of the Research

In this research, the author used a research method with a qualitative variety, type of library research, content analysis using studying literature through a psychological approach method, the nature of the research in the form of analysis using data collection methods in the form of literary texts from the novel as the main source and is supported by several references from internet and other as the second source, related to theories and concepts.

G. Benefits of the Research

This research is expected can be accepted by readers who want to know about the effect obsession, curiosity, and anxiety, as reflected of the main character in the novel "Two Can Keep A Secret". This research hopefully can be very useful because having done with new thoughts and perspectives by applying the field of psychology of literature study as the main approach to show the concept of obsession, curiosity, and anxiety.

H. Systematic Organization of the Research

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

It consists of Background of the Research, Identification of the Problem, Limitation of the Problem, Formulation of the Problem, Objectives of the Research, Methods of Research, Benefits of the Research, and Systematic Organization of the Research.

CHAPTER II: THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES

It consists of intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. The intrinsic approach is through the direct and indirect method, includes characterization, plot, and setting. The extrinsic approach is through the psychology approach which includes the concepts; obsession, curiosity, and anxiety.

CHAPTER III: *TWO CAN KEEP A SECRET* NOVEL INTRINSIC ANALYSIS

It consists of the intrinsic approaches; characterization of the character, the plot, and the setting of the story.

CHAPTER IV: OBSESSION OF CURIOSITY LEADS TO ANXIETY ENCOUNTER THE TRAGEDY AS REFLECTED OF THE MAIN CHARACTER

It consists of a brief explanation of the analysis “Obsession of Curiosity Leads to Anxiety Encounter the Tragedy as Reflected of the Main Character” through the psychological approach based on the story of the novel.

CHAPTER V: CONCLUSION

It consists of an evaluation of the previous chapters and the implications of the research result. It will prove that the theme of this analysis is “Obsession of Curiosity Leads to Anxiety Encounter the Tragedy as Reflected of The Main Character in Karen M McManus's Novel *Two Can Keep A Secret*”.

ENCLOSURE: ATTACHMENT

The chapters are followed by References, Scheme, Poster of the Research, Presentation Slides, Curriculum Vitae, and other required attachment.

