

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

There are two main characters in this novel, Lily Owens and Rosaleen Daise. Sue Monk Kidd depicts the character's characterization of these two characters completely. The way the characters react and behave, express their feeling or desire, the way of thinking and how they dress up presented by Monk Kidd clearly. In this novel, Monk Kidd also wants to show that love and friendship do not depend on skin color. The racism system is still strong in South Carolina, however, Lily and Rosaleen are not influenced by this system, they love and care for each other deeply. Even, Rosaleen looks after Lily like she looks after her own child. Like wise, when they stay in August's house, the Boatwright sisters who are black treat them nicely too. They can fill in together and make the new life in this house.

Monk Kidd also shows that the human beings' character can also be influenced by the environment where they lived and grown up. The characters of Lily are much influenced by Rosaleen since she was four years old as Lily's mother, Deborah died and Rosaleen works as a servant at Lily's house. All the needs of Lily was served by Rosaleen as Lily's Father, T. Ray never cares of her. In fact, he treats her roughly. Being unsatisfied with her father's attitude, Lily then goes away and leaves T. Ray. She asks Rosaleen to accompany her. Due to her big love to Lily, Rosaleen then follows Lily and accompanies her in her escaping. They go to Tiburon, a city which is written by Deborah in the back of her picture. In the middle of the way, there are some obstacles which have to be faced by them. Rosaleen is arrested in jail due to her improper act. If Rosaleen acts and behaves more cultured, this incident will not happen. Lily tries hard to get out Rosaleen from jail. As she is a kind of smart girl, she finally succeeds in taking Rosaleen running away.

In this novel, Sue Monk Kidd also proves that education is so important in life since education can influence the way of thinking, appearance, words, thought as well as action. We can tell who people are from their education.

However, education will not guarantee a success of a people in their future. In this novel, we can see that Rosaleen never goes to school while Lily has completed 2nd grade of Yuniior High School. The attitude and behavior of Lily are more cultured than Rosaleen.

A new house as they called a bee house where Lily and Rosaleen finally find a better place to stay, Lily discovers and comes to terms with her mother's past, finds a hive of new mothers, and falls in love with the great universal mother, though she cannot find the mother she lost.

Lily starts a journey as much about her understanding of the word, as about the mystery surrounding her mother.

