

OFFSPRING AFFECTED ANGIE'S EXISTENCE IN MARRIAGE

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini menggunakan sebuah novel berjudul "The Things We Do for Love" karya Kristin Hannah. Penelitian ini membahas tentang pengaruh keturunan terhadap eksistensi perempuan dalam sebuah pernikahan yang di refleksikan oleh karakter utama, Angie, dalam novel tersebut. Penelitian ini dilakukan untuk mengetahui Bagaimana keturunan mempengaruhi pernikahan Angie dalam pernikahan. Novel ini bercerita tentang seorang pria dan wanita bernama Angie dan Conlan, karakter utama dalam novel tersebut. Pernikahan mereka berakhir dengan perceraian karena sebagai seorang wanita, Angie tidak bisa memberikan anak untuk suaminya. Permasalahan datang untuk Angie ketika dia tahu dia tidak bisa menjaga kehamilannya selama beberapa kali, karena dia memiliki rahim yang lemah yang membuat Angie kehilangan eksistensi dirinya sebagai seorang wanita, istri dan juga ibu. Metode penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif. Di mana, data yang disajikan berhubungan dengan topik, dan kemudian menjelaskannya secara detail. Data yang dikumpulkan dianalisis menggunakan ide dari Simone De Beauvoir (1949) dalam bukunya yang membahas masalah Woman Existence dan Julie Mitchell (2008) pada Woman Revolution.

Kata kunci: Keturunan, Perempuan, pernikahan, kehilangan eksistensi.

Abstract

This research used a novel titled "The Things We Do for Love" by Kristin Hannah. This research discussed the affected of offspring on women existence in a marriage that are reflected by the main character, Angie, in the novel. This research was conducted to know how offspring affects Angie's existence in her marriage. This novel tells the story of a man and a woman named Angie and Conlan, the main character in the novel. Their marriage ended in divorce because as a woman, Angie cannot give the child to her husband. The problem came to Angie when she knew she could not keep her pregnancy a few times, because she had a weak womb which makes Angie loses her existence as a woman, wife and mother. This research method used descriptive method. Where, the data presented related to the topic, and then explain it in detail. Data collected were

analyzed using the ideas of Simone de Beauvoir (1949) in his book that addresses the issue Woman Existence and Julie Mitchell (2008) on Woman Revolution.

Keywords: Offspring, women, marriage, loss of existence.

Introduction

Marriage is where a man and woman vows to live together in joy and sorrow, healthy and sick, rich and poor until death separates. Marriage also makes the couple will have to accept the advantages and disadvantages of each. Marriage is traditionally considered to be something that should be done by woman. It is delivered by Beauvoir in his book *The Second Sex*; "*Marriage is the destiny traditionally offered to woman by society.* (1949: 415)" Explicitly, a woman should or plan to be married. After a woman have been married, whether she or her husband wants to has a child, because a presence of children can be a reflection of a perfect family. Offspring are generally charged to women, but in fact, not all women in the world are given the opportunity to conceive and give birth. Otherwise, when a marriage is not given offspring, usually woman who are always blamed for it. Though the absence of offspring in a household is not necessarily the fault of woman, man could also be the cause for the problem.

The problem I find on the novel by Kristin Hannah's "The Things We Do for Love". In the novel is told, is Angie, a woman who married a dozen years but has not been blessed with a child that was abandoned by her husband. Once abandoned, it is clear that Angie began survive to continue to live longer, although not accompanied by her husband. Her husband cannot accept the reality that Angie cannot give him an offspring, so that Conlan decide to take a divorce with Angie. This study will examine about the influence of offspring in Angie and Conlan marriage and to know how does the influence of offspring in Angie and Conlan marriage. Thus, this research titled **Offspring Affected Angie's Existence in Marriage**. This study has its own benefits to determine how much influence offspring in a marriage on the novel "The Things We Do for Love."

Data Source

The data used for the study of the novel entitled The Things We Do For Love works of Kristin Hannah. The information on matters concerning the rebellion feminists or women on their rights taken from a fragment of the story in the novel.

Research Method

This research used descriptive analytical method to understand the problems that arise on a novel entitled The Things We Do For Love works of Kristin

Hannah. This method is believed to be quite helpful in the conduct of research, because it is through this method, the authors obtain important information about feminists.

Theoretical Review

The theory used in preparing this research came from Beauvoir, in his book *The Second Sex* which states that:

“Women is no longer limited to the reproductive function, which has lost in large part its character as natural servitude and has come to be regarded as a function to be voluntarily assume; and it is compatible with productive labour, since in many cases, the time of required by pregnancy it’s taken by the mother at the expense of the state or the employer.” (Beauvoir, 1949: 415)

Through Beauvoir statement above, the author see a connection between the problems the author raised with the above theory. Women should not be confined to the reproductive function. It makes the character or existence became lost.

Results and Discussions

Data 1

The absence of offspring in Angie and Conlan marriage, affecting the harmony of their marriage. There was a long wait for the presence offspring in the midst of their marriage which has been running for 14 years. Disappointed and tired perceived by Conlan, Angie husband. Until the end Conlan decided to divorce with Angie. As in the excerpt below:

“There is no us, Angie.” The gentle way he said it broke her heart.”

Finally. One of them had dared to say it.

“I know.”

“she swallowed hard, trying to keep her tears under control. She’d forgotten that in the last few years; Conlan had dreamed of fatherhood just as she wanted motherhood.”(Hannah, Kristin. Pg 14)

The data above shows how Conlan no longer wanted to continue the marriage with Angie as they do not also give offspring. The above data also shows

how important the presence of offspring to Conlan. In accordance with the theory that I take, Conlan decided to split up with Angie because they feel that Angie, his wife could not complete him by giving offspring to him.

Data 2

Angie is the youngest of three sisters. He was the most successful and most in love by her parents, especially her father. Repeatedly failing to obtain offspring, Angie sometimes feels desperate, but not with the Angie's mother. She always supported her daughter to keep trying and believe that one day God would give offspring. As the following quote that describes how Angie's mother still continues to support and love her.

"Mama had whispered, you'll try again. God will give you another baby." (Hannah, Kristin. Pg 8)

The above quotation answer the second research question is the question of how the position of women in the absence of offspring in marriage.

Data 3

Stepping up to the age of the head of four, Angie has not also believed in God to get a descent. These conditions made Angie feel very guilty at her husband, Conlan, were desperate for their offspring in the midst of their wedding. Angie was devastated by this situation. The excerpt below shows how Angie addressing the absence of offspring in marriage:

"She turned to look up at him. There were tears in her eyes, blurring her vision, but she hadn't noticed until now. She wanted to tell him how sorry she was; it had all gone wrong between them. She picked up a small pink stack of sheets, stroking the fabric. "it made me cracy" was all she could say." (Hannah, Kristin. Pg 14)

The above quotation explains how the problem affected on Angie's attitude. For women who cannot give offspring to complete the marriage, Angie felt frustrated and guilty at her husband.

Conclusion

Offspring become the main factor influencing the existence of women in marriage. Offspring is highly desirable in a marriage due to their offspring, a couple of men and women who marry will have a generation ahead. Besides offspring is also a complement of happiness for the couple. When the woman as the wife cannot fulfill its function as the woman then the existence as a woman will be lost.

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