

Book review: the novel "Teluk Alaska"

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Abstract - The general problem in this study is "How the main character's conflict in the novel *Teluk Alaska* is". The specific problems in this review are (1) How is the internal conflict of the main character in the novel *Teluk Alaska*? (2) What is the external conflict of the main character in the novel *Teluk Alaska*? (3) How are the efforts to resolve the conflict of the main character in the novel *Teluk Alaska*? The general aim of this research is to find out the conflict of the main character in the novel. The specific objectives of this study are (1) to describe the internal conflict of the main character in the novel (2) to describe the main character's external conflicts in the novel (3) describe efforts to resolve the conflict of the main character in the novel. The data source in this study is the novel, which was published by Coconut Books in 2019 with a total of 408 pages. Based on the results of the analysis of the main character's conflict in the novel with a literary psychology approach, that the conflict of the main character, namely internal conflict, factors of external conflict, and conflict resolution efforts. The internal conflicts include guilt, buried guilt, shame, sadness, hatred, and love. External conflicts are physical conflicts and social conflicts. Meanwhile, conflict resolution efforts are moving against other people and moving to stay away from other people.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The novel "Teluk Alaska" was written by a sweet woman who loves writing for a long time, named Eka Aryani. She is a novelist who started writing novels on an online novel application called Wattpad. Eka Aryani or who is more familiarly called Ekep was born in Cianjur on April 1, 1998. He is registered as a student in the Department of Management, Faculty of Economics and Business at UNIKOM Bandung. Aryani is a student who always writes his best works in the form of short stories, Wattpad, and novels. None other than that, Eka was motivated to become a writer who will be remembered for the rest of his life so he always produces his best works. The works produced by Aryani are novels, including author of *My Protective Billionaire*, *Teluk Alaska*, and *Ketika Hujan Menangis*. Aryani prefers to read romantic novels about a girl who is fought over by two boys who both like a girl. Aryani won the 2020 Booking of the Year award from the Indonesian Publishers Association (IKAPI).

The novel is a work of prose fiction with a long and complex sequence of events or the life story of a person and the people around him by emphasizing the character and characteristics of each character or actor. Not only is the number of words or pages long, but the range of storytelling is also wide and complex. This is the fundamental difference between novels and short stories, which have a narrow range of stories with fewer words. Novel belongs to the narrative text genre, which means text that tells or tells a story or event. The stories presented are fiction or fiction. However, that does not mean that novels cannot provide useful content, because novels can still reflect real life values and even include historical facts.

Novel "Teluk Alaska" is a novel that has the genre of romance between a pair of humans in high school. This novel has its own charm that can make you interested to read it. At least this novel managed to hook 57 million readers on Wattpad. Seeing great enthusiasm from the public, this novel was finally released in physical form in 2019 by Coconut Books and received positive reviews. It is not surprising that this novel immediately received the title of best seller novel. In addition, this novel has received an award from the Indonesian Publishers Association for the Book of the Year category. With the series of achievements achieved by the novel "Bay of Alaska", the production house of MD Entertainment adapted it into a series. as many as 8 episodes and has been aired on We TV.

This review is a kind of document using the descriptive technique. The form of this research is qualitative. The approach used in this study is literary psychology. The data in this study are quotes in the form of words and sentences related to the main character and the conflicts he experiences taken from the novel: *Teluk Alaska*. Data collection techniques used are the documentary study technique. The data collection tool used in this study was human, namely the reviewers themselves as the main instrument and other assistive devices such as data cards and other stationery. The data analysis technique used is content analysis technique.

There has not been much review of this novel, especially the results of reviews of books published in DOAJ indexed journals. The only review the author can provide is a review conducted by Ramadhanti (2022). In order to get an idea of how a book review is carried out, it is to look for other book reviews besides the novels that the reviewers did and which have been published in DOAJ indexed journals (Phelan, 2023; Nurrahma, 2022; Lestari, 2021; Mafazi, 2021; Frahm-Arp, 2022; Rejmánek, 2023; Newman, 2022; Colaiacomo, 2022; Kavitha, 2023).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Book Identity

Title : Teluk Alaska
Author: Eka Aryani
Publisher : Coconut Books
Printing : First Print, Juli 2019
Pages : 407 pages

Synopsis

Anatasia Mysha and Alister Raygan are the main characters in this novel. They are two humans who are brought together like the Gulf of Alaska. In this novel Anastasya or who is often called Ana, she is a girl who has many secrets in her life. It's the same with Alister, it's just that he has a problem with his parents that makes his life change. He has a gang where his gang always bullies people who have nothing wrong with them. Anastasia, a girl who is often bullied by Alister's gang, but Ana is always patient and smiles when she is bullied. It so happened that they were in the same class, no one became Ana's friends in class because if they became friends with Ana, they would also be bullied by Alister's gang. Ana is just alone, but she is used to her life like that.

Ana's life since Bulan became her friend slowly begins to change. Bulan is the son of the headmaster of his high school. Now Ana is not the Ana she used to be, who was innocent, cute and always silent when she was bullied. Ana shows courage when she is bullied, this makes the Alister gang wonder. With Ana being as brave as she is now, this made Alana and Tasya even more furious. Previously, Alana and Tasya were Ana's best friends, but the two of them only used Ana, because Ana was a child of wealthy people but since her father died, her and her mother lived simply, maybe that was the reason they weren't friends anymore. Ana's two best friends became even more so when Ana dared to fight.

At that time, Alister accidentally saw Ana went alone to the place, which was none other than his father's grave. It turned out that Ana was crying in front of her father's grave. It turns out that all this time Alister has always been mean to Ana, this makes Alister's heart tight and sorry for hurting someone as good as Ana. In the end, Alister and Ana's relationship got better, Alister never bullied Ana again, which surprised the gang. And it turns out that all this time the person he has bullied is his childhood friend, Hanas. Annas is Ana's first name, that name is a name his father's gift. Ana is happy when Alister finds out that he is her best friend, but Ana doesn't want to make Alister always be with Ana, because that will actually make Alister sad, and only feel sorry for

this weak child. Ana has a disease from which there is little chance of recovery from the disease. Alister knows that he loves Ana, and Ana loves Alister too. The story of Alister and Ana's love and struggle, is contained in this Alaskan Bay novel. In this novel, it not only tells Ana who was bullied by the Alister gang, their love story, friendship, but also family problems related to Alister as well as to Ana.

CONCLUSION

Based on the synopsis above, it can be concluded that the novel *Teluk Alaska* is two seas that meet but can never be put together. Like love, which can only be met but difficult to put together. Like this novel tells of two people who are brought together but not to be united. But if destiny says otherwise then God will easily unite the two of them. Anatasia Mysha and Alister Raygan are two humans who meet like the novel *Teluk Alaska*. The story of Alister and Ana's love and struggle, contained in this novel. This novel not only tells Ana who was bullied by the Alister's gang, their love story, friendship, but also family problems related to Alister and Ana.

Behind the light stories, popular novels also provide an overview of problems that are close to students, namely bullying. Having stories that discuss bullying can provide knowledge to students to be more sensitive in seeing various forms of bullying that occur. In addition, with the resistance put forward by female figures, it can make female students stronger and braver to fight bullying experienced by themselves and friends. Popular novels can be an alternative in learning at school. The contents of the story that are close to the lives of students in the school environment will be more relevant to the minds of students.

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