ABSTRACT

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This paper takes Joanna Trollope’s novel Other People Children, which contains family theme, and story about family problem of parents divorce. Whereas the divorce gives the changes for the child’s personality, especially for the changes of child’s characterization. This research is analyzed based on three problems, there are Becky’s parents’ marriage conditions, reasons of Becky’s parents divorce, and the influence of parents divorce on child’s characterization of Becky. The purpose of this research is to know the condition of Becky’s parents marriage which has caused the divorce, to know the reasons of Becky’s parents’ divorce, to know the influence of parents’ divorce on child’s characterization of Becky in Joanna Trollope’ novel “Other People Children.”

The data are taken from the theory of structuralism on explaining the relation between structures of novel which cannot be separated, and from some sources on the three types of the change of character and characterization. The literary research is the method used here to elaborate the critical analysis.

The data are analyzed based on three points. First point that Becky’s parents marriage’ condition is bad, and then her parents are divorced. Matthew left Nadine caused by the reason, because Nadine does not respect the other things of Nadine’s bad attitude of her family specifically for her husband, Matthew. Then Matthew is not strong to keep the unity of his wedding with Nadine, and the end of it is the divorce, whereas their children are the victim of it. Second point that the reasons of Becky’s parents divorced caused by her mother’ bad attitude which made her father so mad, and finally they are divorced. Matthew left Nadine, because Nadine is wrong-headed, lack of house keeping skills, joins a women’s camp at the gates a military base in Suffolk and Nadine cannot stop. She falls in love with being anti things, anti motherhood, anti marriage, anti the educational endeavors of Matthew’s school, anti any kind of order. Third point that the influence of parents divorce on child’s characterization of Becky it changes to the three types: dynamic, complex, and developing character characterization.

The results of this analysis, therefore, are found that three causes of Becky’s parents divorce on Other People Children’s novel which there are have different reasons. Then, dynamic, complex, and developing character are three character and characterizations that forms the type of Becky’s characterization changes.